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OUR WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26,

The report that the Military Committee of the Senate had under consideration the Pittsburgh affair, is incorrect; but the Cabinet being in session it was discussed by them. It is universally conceded that if the Government insists upon the shipment of arms from Pittsburgh, it must also reinforce the Southern forts, and enforce the laws there. The Administration is in great tribulation about it. Efforts will be made, by influential persons sent from Washington, to induce the people to desist, and allow the arms to be shipped.

Mr. Cass was on the Avenue this afternoon. He retorted to a prominent Republican representative his indignation at the course of President BUCHANAN in not reinforcing the forts. He says his public life is closed.

The report of a mass meeting at Carlyle, on the border of Maryland, sent here, reviving that the Government cannot recognise secession, and must use force if necessary, is regarded as a strong indication of what is the feeling of the people of Pennsylvania.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, of Tennessee, will speak at Baltimore next week, and will make a strong, able, Union speech.

I saw a letter from one of the soldiers at Fort Sumter to his mother to-day. He says the fort is in excellent condition for defence, full of ammunition and arms, and with a few more men, could defy any enemy that could approach it. He says all hands expect a conflict, and feel greatly alarmed at the prospect, because their numbers are so small. They hope the Government will do something to aid them,—if not, they will defend the fort to the best of their ability. The closing words are quite touching and solemn.

The Senate Committee of Thirteen met to-day and held a long conference. They accomplished nothing, though a better feeling prevailed. CRITTENDEN now expresses the hope that something will be accomplished.

The Republican members of the House Committee of Thirty-three, caucussed to-day, and agreed to an Enabling Act for New-Mexico—the second section of which recognises Slavery, if the people desire it. They had previously agreed to Enabling Acts for several Territories, which must be free.

In the Republican caucus to-day, three Republicans voted against the New-Mexican Enabling Act, but it was agreed to report it to-morrow.

LOVEJOY.—There was to be a caucus of the Republicans at SEWARD'S house to night, of a private character.

In the Senate Committee of Thirteen, GRIMES of Iowa, asked if Toombs' proposition recognising the right of property in man was the *ultimatum* of the South; if so, they should sign an agreement to that effect, and the Republicans would sign one repudiating it. He refused to answer, and would not state what the *ultimatum* would be. Mr. SEWARD offered a resolution covering pretty much the same ground as his previous propositions in the Republican caucus.

In the Committee of Thirty-three, ADAMS of Massachusetts, offered the proposition respecting New-Mexico, and will report the same to the Committee himself. Coming from the most radical man from the North this is regarded as a back-down. KELLOGG, of Illinois, asked, if they were to concede so much of the Republican platform, why not give up everything demanded respecting the Territories—especially as the system of Slavery in New-Mexico was the worst of any on the Continent. KELLOGG of Illinois, TAPPAN of New-Hampshire, and WASHBURN of Wisconsin, voted against it. The District Judge of New-Mexico appeared before the Committee at the last meeting, and stated that the Territory had seven hundred and fifty white native citizens, two thousand Mexican citizens under the Gaudaloupe-Hidalgo Treaty, three thousand Mexican aliens, forty-four thousand peons, and forty-four thousand Indians, about half civilized; total, about ninety thousand. There are fifty slaves only, mostly servants of army and Federal officers.

The question was urged in caucus if New-Mexico should be admitted with only two thousand seven hundred and fifty white citizens, what excuse could be given for keeping Kansas out, with one hundred and ten thousand white citizens? Considerable feeling exists to night among the Republicans, and the action of the three who voted against ADAMS' proposition seems to be generally indorsed by the straightest Republicans. O. P. Q.

DISPATCH TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The War Department can take no action in reference to the recent movements at Pittsburgh, as all official information shall be received from the officer in charge of the Alleghany Arsenal. The order for the removal of the guns was recently issued, and directed them to be at Ship Island and Galveston by the time the defensive works at those points, though unfinished, may be ready to receive them.

The appropriation for the purchase of the cannon was long since made for the purpose above stated, and the order for their removal thither was in accordance with law and regulation, without any reference whatever to political occurrences.

In relation to the affair of the guns at Pittsburgh, the manufacturer contracted to deliver them at certain points where requisition was made, and any opposition or restraint in their delivery by citizens will inure to the injury of the contractors only, should the service suffer by delay.

Capt. INGRAHAM, of South Carolina, in command of the sloop-of-war *Richmond*, attached to the Mediterranean squadron, has asked and obtained leave to return home.

The proceedings of the two Congressional Select Committees on the crisis excite no particular interest, as it is not supposed they will be able to come to any satisfactory conclusion, and as the extreme Southern men are at present opposed to any compromise.

Senator DOUGLAS denies that he refused to put himself right on the record on the resolutions of Messrs. DAVIS and TOOMBS, saying that he did put on the journal a statement that he declined voting on abstract propositions which were not reduced to the form of amendments to the Constitution, when he had just offered amendments in due form covering all the points in the resolutions.

The Secessionists are much comforted by private accounts from Maryland, Virginia and other Southern States.

Major Gen. CASS has retired from the State Department the visits to him from distinguished gentlemen have been numerous, including the Representatives from foreign Governments, who evidence for him the marked consideration which commenced with their official intercourse.

The Commissioners from South Carolina have arrived and taken private quarters. By arrangement they will confer with the President to-morrow, either verbally or in writing. The subject will be referred to Congress in a special message, on which an exciting and critical debate is anticipated. It is not known or believed here that any troops have been ordered to the forts in Charleston harbor, nor is it at present the intention of the Administration to do. On the contrary, it is asserted that the President believes that such a course would serve to inflame the Southern sentiment, which is particularly to be avoided at the present moment.

An address, or recommendation, has been prepared by authority, to submit to the members of the Border Slave States for their signatures, requesting the respective States, by enactment or otherwise, to appoint Commissioners to meet at Baltimore on the 13th of February, for conference relative to the secession of the Cotton States, and devise a programme of action for the Border States in case of such an emergency. It is thought, however, that not all the members will sign it, but still there will be enough from each delegation to induce a favorable response from their respective States.

MR. DOUGLAS' PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT.

On December 24, Mr. DOUGLAS introduced a Joint Resolution into the Senate, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, with a view of restoring peace and preserving the Union. His proposition was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Thirteen. It is as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, (two thirds of both Houses concurring) That the following articles be and are hereby proposed and recommended as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of said Constitution when ratified by Conventions of three fourths of the several States.

ARTICLE XIII.

Congress shall make no Laws in respect to Slavery or servitude in any Territory in the United States; and the status of such Territory in respect to servitude, as the same now exists by law, shall remain unchanged until the Territory, with such boundaries as Congress may prescribe, shall have a population of fifty thousand white inhabitants, when the white male citizens thereof over the age of twenty-one years may proceed to form a Constitution and State Government for themselves, and to be admitted into the Union upon the footing of the original States with or without Slavery, as the Constitution of such new State shall provide at the time of such admission; and when such new State shall be admitted into the Union, or sooner, upon the application of the people thereof, a number of Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to be chosen by the inhabitants of such State, shall be entitled in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to be chosen by the inhabitants of such State, shall be entitled in the House of Representatives according to the then existing ratio of representation; and until the next general census shall be taken and completed, such new State shall be entitled to the following number of Representatives in the House of Representatives, to be chosen by the inhabitants thereof, viz: [illegible] and said delegation shall have all the rights and privileges of members and Representatives, respectively, except that of voting.

SEC. 2. *No more Territory shall be acquired by the United States except by treaty or by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of each House of Congress* and when so acquired the *status* thereof in respect to servitude, *as it existed at the time of acquisition*, shall remain unchanged until it shall receive the population aforesaid for the formation of new States, when it shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and privileges herein provided for the existing Territories.

SEC. 3. The Legislature of new States shall be as nearly uniform in size as may be practicable, having due regard to convenient boundaries and natural capacities; and shall not be less than sixty nor more than eighty thousand square miles, except in case of islands which may contain less than that amount.

SEC. 4. The second and third clauses of the second section of the fourth article of the Constitution, which provides for delivering up fugitives from justice and fugitives from service or labor, shall have the same force in the Territories and new States as in the States of the Union; and the said clause in respect to fugitives from justice shall be construed to include any crime committed within any against the laws of the State from which the fugitive fled, whether the acts charged be criminal or not in the State where the fugitive was found.

SEC. 5. The second section of the third article of the Constitution, in respect to the judicial power of the United States, shall be deemed applicable to the Territories and new States as well as to the States of the Union.

ARTICLE XIV.

SECTION 1. The elective franchise and the right to hold office, whether Federal, State, Territorial or Municipal, shall not be exercised by persons of the African race, in whole or in part.

SEC. 2. The United States shall have power to acquire, from time to time, districts of country in Africa and South America for the colonization, at the expense of the Federal Treasury, of such free negroes and mulattoes as the several States may wish to have removed from their limits, and from the District of Columbia, and such other places as may be under the jurisdiction of Congress.

SEC. 3. Congress shall have no power to abolish Slavery in the places under its exclusive jurisdiction and grants within the limits of states that permit the holding of slaves.

SEC. 4. Congress shall *have no power to abolish Slavery within the District of Columbia so long as it exists in the adjoining States of Virginia and Maryland*, or either, nor without the consent of the inhabitants, nor without just compensation first made to such owners of slaves as do not consent to such abolishment. And it shall be [illegible] at any time prohibit officers of the Federal Government or members of Congress, whose duties require them to be in said District, from bringing with them their slaves and holding them as such during the time their duties may require them to remain there, and afterwards taking them from the District.

SEC. 5. Congress shall have no power to prohibit or hinder the transportation of slaves from one State to another, or to a Territory in which slaves are permitted by law to be held, whether such transportation be by land, navigable rivers, or by sea; but *the African Slave-trade shall be forever suppressed*, and it shall be the duty of Congress to make such laws as shall be necessary and effectual to prevent the importation or introduction of slaves or persons owing service or labor into the United States from any foreign country, place, or jurisdiction whatsoever.

SEC. 6. In addition to the provisions of the third paragraph of the second section of the fourth article of the Constitution, Congress shall have power to provide by law, and it shall be its duty so to provide, that the United States shall pay to the owner who shall apply for it the full value of his fugitive slave in all cases when the Marshal, or other officer, whose duty it was to arrest said fugitive, was prevented from so doing by violence or intimidation, or when, after arrest said fugitive was rescued by force and the owner thereby prevented and obstructed in the pursuit of his remedy for the recovery of his fugitive slave under the said clause of the Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof. And in all such cases when the United States shall pay for such fugitive they shall have the right in their own name to sue the county in which said violence, intimidation, or rescue was committed, and to recover from it, with interest and damages, the amount paid by them for said fugitive slave. And the said county after it has said said amounts to the United States, may for its indemnity sue and recover from the wrong-doers or rescuers by it, or the owner was prevented from the recovery of his fugitive slave in like manner as the owner himself might have sued and recovered.

SEC. 7. No future amendment of the Constitution shall affect this and the preceding article, nor the third paragraph of the second section of the first article of the Constitution, nor the third paragraph of the second section of the fourth article of said Constitution, and no amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress any power to abolish or interfere with Slavery in any of the States by whose laws it is or may be allowed or sanctioned.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

THE FORTIFICATIONS IN CHARLESTON HARBOR—CITIZENSHIP—PROPOSED CALL FOR A SOUTHERN CONVENTION, ETC.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The Convention reassembled at 11 o'clock this morning.

A prayer was offered up asking the protection of God over a Southern Confederacy.

Mr. BARR offered a resolution that the Governor be requested to communicate to the Convention in secret session any information he possesses in reference to the condition of Forts Moultrie and Sumter and Castle Pinckney, the number of guns in each, the number of workmen and kind of labor employed, the number of soldiers in each, and what additions, if any, have been made since the 20th instant; also, whether any assurances have been given that the forts will not be reinforced, and if so, to what extent; also, what rules or other regulations have been made, if any, in reference to the defences of the harbor of Charleston, the coast and the State. Laid on the table for consideration in secret session.

Mr. BROWN offered a resolution that all citizens of the United States, domiciled within the State on the adoption of the ordinance of secession, on Dec. 20, 1860, be and the same are hereby declared citizens of South Carolina, entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the liabilities incident thereto.

Mr. BROWN said that there was a number of meritorious citizens in the State who are citizens by adoption, and that there was a well founded apprehension in their minds as to the extent of their allegiance. There were two methods by which individuals could become citizens of South Carolina, by birth and adoption. Birth gives unqualified citizenship in the State, and a relative citizenship in the United States. By naturalization persons were made citizens, and by virtue of being such, were made citizens of South Carolina. In 1822, the Constitution of South Carolina was amended, and foreigners were required to take an additional oath of State,—one of true allegiance to South Carolina, or so long as they continued citizens thereof; and sometimes in another method,—that of a test oath.

Mr. BROWN said, also: A period must be adopted for the subject. I don't *mean* nor contemplate making involuntary citizens of those accidentally domiciled at the period of the adoption of the ordinance of secession.

Mr. KENNARD moved that when the Convention adjourn to-morrow, it be until the 15th proximo, or until such time as the President should order it to reassemble. Laid on the table.

Mr. RHETT offered an ordinance providing for the holding of a Convention of the slaveholding States of the United States, for the purpose of framing a Constitution and forming a Southern Confederacy, and moved to lay it on the table without reading it.

Mr. MEMMINGER, doubted if there was authority for receiving a paper in a public deliberative Assembly without having at least one reading of it.

Mr. RHETT, then read the ordinance himself. It provides as follows:—

First—That the Conventions of the seceding Slaveholding States of the United States unite with South Carolina, and hold a Convention at Montgomery, Ala., for the purpose of forming a Southern Confederacy.

Second—That the said seceding States appoint, by their respective Conventions or Legislatures, as many delegates as they have Representatives in the present Congress of the United States, to the said Convention to be held at Montgomery; and that on the adoption of the Constitution of the Southern Confederacy the vote shall be by States.

Third—That whatever the terms of the Constitution shall be agreed upon by the said Convention, the same shall be submitted at as early a day as practicable to the Conventions and Legislature of each State, respectively, so as to enable them to ratify or reject the said Constitution.

Fourth—That in the opinion of South Carolina, the Constitution of the United States will form a suitable basis for the Confederacy of the Southern States withdrawing.

Fifth—That the South Carolina Convention appoint by ballot eight delegates to represent South Carolina in the Convention for the formation of a Southern Confederacy.

Lastly—That one Commissioner in each State be elected to call the attention of the people to this ordinance.

Mr. DUNKIN here moved that the Convention go into secret session. Motion carried.

Mr. BROWN'S resolution, offered this morning, was referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

The Convention sat in secret session till 4 o'clock, when it adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THE SECRET SESSION.

The following ordinance was passed in the Secret Session of the Convention this evening:

At a Convention of the people of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden in Columbia on the 17th of December, in the year of our Lord 1860, and thence continued, by adjournment, to Charleston, and there, by divers adjournments, to the 26th day of December, the same year:

An Ordinance to make Provisional Arrangements for the continuance of the Commercial facilities of South Carolina.

Whereas, It is due to our late confederates in the political Union known as the United States of America, as also to the citizens of South Carolina engaged in commerce, that no abrupt or sudden change be made in the rate of duties on imports into the State; and

Whereas, It is not desired by this State to see its advantages in trade to her own ports above those of any of the Slaveholding States, but late confederates in the said Union; and

Whereas, This ordinance, for considerations indicated is designed to be provisional merely; therefore,

We, the People of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, do declare, ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained:

First—That all citizens of this State who, at the date of the ordinance of secession, were holding offices connected with the customs under the General Government of the United States, within the State of South Carolina, be and they are hereby appointed to hold, under the Government of this State, exclusively, without any further connection whatever with the Federal Government of the United States, the same offices they now fill, until otherwise directed, and that they receive the same pay and emolument for their services.

Second—That, until this Convention or General Assembly shall otherwise provide, the Governor shall appoint to all vacancies which may occur in such offices.

Third—That, until it is otherwise provided by this Convention or the General Assembly, the Revenue, Collection and Navigation laws of the United States, so far as may be practicable, be and they are hereby adopted and made laws of this State, saving that no duties shall be collected upon imports from the States forming the late Federal Union, known as the United States of America, nor upon the tonnage of vessels owned in whole or in part by the citizens of said States, saving and excepting the act of Congress adopted on the 3d day of March, 1857, entitled "An act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the Consuls of their respective nations," which said act is hereby declared to be of no force within the limits of this State.

Fourth—All vessels built in South Carolina, or elsewhere, and owned, to the amount of one third, by a citizen or citizens of South Carolina or any of the slaveholding Commonwealths of North America, and commanded by citizens thereof, and no other, shall be registered as vessels of South Carolina, under the authority of the Collector and Naval Officer.

Fifth—All official acts of the officers aforesaid, in which it is usual and proper to set forth the authority under which they act, or style of documents issued by them or any of them, be in the name of the State of South Carolina.

Sixth—All moneys hereafter collected by any officers aforesaid, shall, after deducting the sums necessary for the compensation of the officers and other expenses, be paid into the Treasury of the State of South Carolina, for the use of said State, subject to the order of this Convention or of the General Assembly.

Seventh—The officers aforesaid shall retain in their hands all property of the United States in their possession, custody or control, subject to the disposal of the State, who will account for the same upon a final settlement with the Government of the United States.

Done at Charleston, 26th day of December, year of our Lord, 1860.

(Signed) D. F. JAMISON, President.

Attest: B. F. ARTHUR, Clerk.

The obligation of secrecy was withdrawn.

REPORTS FROM CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday Dec. 26.

The Alabama Convention will have an immense majority in favor of secession.

There are rumors here that several hundred troops are *en route* for the Charleston forts; also, that Fort Sumter was reinforced on Sunday with marines under the disguise of laborers.

Postal matters here continue as formerly.

Many foreign ships now in port took out their clearance papers before the 20th, and are now loading. Others will probably take clearances under protest.

Many intelligent Carolinians say that it is a difficult matter to untangle the gordian knot of Union, but as a last resort, they will cut it.

OUR CHARLESTON CORRESPONDENCE.

SOUTH CAROLINA CARRYING OUT HER POLICY—THE WORK ON THE FORTIFICATIONS, ETC.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Saturday, Dec. 22, 1860.

Secession, proceeding by regular stages, has brought the State of South Carolina and the Federal Government face to face. The State, arrogating to herself dignity and powers equal to those of the Nation, has sent her Commissioners to Washington to treat for a peaceful settlement. The first thing for the Federal authority to decide will be whether the Commissioners can be received; and in deciding that question the main question may never be reached. Whether the adverse decision be on a preliminary or on the main question is all the same to South Carolina—he has gone where she will do next. It will be to take by force what she failed to obtain by negotiation. Thus, though the revolted States and the Federal Government now stand face to face in a peaceful attitude, it is likely soon to be changed to one of hostility. This State gives the Government fair notice that it may receive her Commissioners and give up the forts and other Federal property peacefully, or reject the demand for their surrender either by rejecting the Commissioners, or after receiving them, do so, and thereby compel Carolina to seize said property. She is bound to have it, and is not much concerned in which way.

To this policy South Carolina has adhered steadily from the first. Whatever weakness or inconsistency she has been guilty of, in this particular, she has gone straight ahead, as I have from the first predicted she would do, and she will not stop till she finds herself overborne in the contest or, accomplishes her object. While there are reports current here, as I see there are in Washington and your City, to the effect that the forts are to be surrendered up, at the same time preparations for taking and defending them go steadily on. This city is little less than a camp. No less than half a dozen companies drill or parade daily. If the forts are acquired without force, then there will be no inconsiderable disappointment, since the military of this city thrive on the idea of being led to the assault of Fort Moultrie in some dark night within the next ten days.

Meanwhile the labors at Fort Moultrie, which have been prosecuted with so much vigor for upwards of a month, are continued. Between 150 and 200 men are engaged there all the time; while at Castle Pinckney and Fort Sumter much is being done to place those positions in as formidable attitude as possible. Precisely what, for the last twenty days, has been going on at the forts is not so well understood in the city, for intercourse of "outside barbarians" with the fortifications has been almost wholly cut off. The United States officers, or some of them, visit the city almost daily, but it is not expected that they will be very communicative on the subject. I am entirely safe in saying, however, that the result of the labors at Fort Moultrie, within the last three weeks, is highly satisfactory to those who felt the deepest interest on the subject—I mean the garrison at the fort; nor do I mistake when I conclude that a corresponding uneasiness has been imparted to those who have allotted to themselves the glory of delivering Fort Moultrie to the sovereign and independent State of South Carolina. Whatever future events may be, I do not doubt that some day or other somebody will find out that the energy, skill and science practically brought to bear in the recent labor of strengthening the defences of Fort Moultrie, reflect credit on the officers and men on whom that labor has devolved. Moultrie never had truer men within her bristling walls than now. There are rumors that Sullivan's Island has been extensively mined; that the fort itself is quite unlike what it was three months ago; that important improvements, not to say inventions, have been made in a species of grenades that are likely to prove terribly destructive to assailants, and that if attacked the plan of defence will be comprehensive and summary, and in some of its features little suspected by the City of Charleston at present. It is certainly to be hoped that matters may not come to extremes; but if worst does come to worst, and the commanding officer at Fort Moultrie is not headed off or interfered with by some characteristic order from Mr. BUCHANAN or Mr. Secretary FLOYD, there will be no child's play in defending the fort when attacked.

Gov. PICKENS, in a speech to a serenading crowd, a few evenings since, distinctly gave out that he had reasons for believing that Mr. BUCHANAN intended to surrender the forts to the civil authorities of South Carolina. Such a statement has been telegraphed to this city from Washington, within the last few days. That the revolutionists be love they have grounds for expecting to obtain peaceable possession of the forts through Mr. BUCHANAN'S policy, I am quite confident.

It is not admitted here that the Government has any rights in the case whatever, or that South Carolina is to be disputed or quest oned as to the claim she sets up. The success which has attended the prosecution of her policy of coercing the Federal Government thus far, has prepared her to undertake almost anything. It is either this or the consciousness that she has the tacit aid and comfort of Mr. BUCHANAN and his Administration in their treasonous schemes that makes her so bold. That this last if not active cooperation exists, is clear enough from what falls from the leaders here. If it is not equally clear to the whole country, it soon must be. While great confidence is placed in what amounts to the active friendship of Mr. BUCHANAN for secession, there is nevertheless no little apprehension, lest he may be overruled, and the Revolutionists in the end be made to fall victims to the very weakness or faithlessness to the President, by which they have thus far profited. Rumors have prevailed here for some days of an intention to send vessels of war to this harbor. The Revolutionists say they would regard such a proceeding as cause of war. It is by holding this tone that South Carolina for the last sixty days has controlled the Federal Government so far as the secession business is concerned. I repeat, what I have before said, that in the face of a Jackson policy on the part of the Government secession would not have acquired twenty-five per cent of the strength and growth it has. Men here who speak candid on the subject, admit as much.

Although it has been upwards of forty-eight hours since the ordinance of secession passed, yet not the slightest change has taken place in the administration of either the revenue or postal laws. The Convention has been counselled to confess its inability to supply a substitute for the Federal system, by continuing in force these laws, which are the only ones nullification attacks; so, as yet the nullification revolution smoulds practically to nothing. But for the reasons already declared, that the secession ordinance would be accepted immediately on the assembling of the Convention, it would not have gone through so many days, or before peace proposals could have been placed on some tract of terms. "We told you we would do it, and we have done it," is the language that takes the place of more sensible talk we might expect on the subject.

Great vigilance is exercised, not only in this city, but throughout the State, over the movements of the negro population. Without any doubt the existing apprehension that the dangers of insurrection are imminent, and the Legislature has before it several bills designed to meet the case, by providing for a patrol police throughout the State.

No new movements are likely to take place before the Commissioners here to Washington return and make their report to the body that sent them—at any rate, require something certain transpires to develop the policy of the Government.

The Revolutionists place great reliance on Mr. BUCHANAN, one could confidently on all her the absolute surrender of the forts, or the continuing of them in such a condition as to render their capture practicable.

THE QUESTION OF A SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.

From the Charleston Mercury.

The Convention, since its assemblage, has been very diligent in its duties. It has thrown off one Government; but the more difficult task, perhaps, remains, to build up another Government in its stead. This is the great business now before it, and we beg leave to offer upon it a few suggestions for what they may be worth.

The Convention now sitting in South Carolina, and all the other Conventions when shall assemble to dissolve the existing Union, have the power, and we presume are expected to exercise it, of speedily organizing a Confederacy between such of the Southern States as shall secede from the Union. Uncertainty and delay are dangerous. The other Cotton States will look to South Carolina to recommend the time, place and means of forming a Southern Confederacy.

It appears to us that the Convention of South Carolina might well pass an ordinance inviting the seceding States to meet South Carolina at Montgomery, Ala., on the first or second Monday in February next, by delegates *appointed by the seceding Conventions*, to form a Constitution for a Southern Confederacy, and to put the same into operation. The place we suggest is very central in the South, and easily accessible by railroad from all sides. The State of Alabama, by her action, has brought matters to their present suspicious condition. And Montgomery is roughly assimilating with the movement and bowels of excitement accommodation. By the first or second Monday in February, all the Southern States which intend to recede from the Union will have done so; and as soon as they have seceded, they can appoint their delegates to the Convention to frame the constitution for a Southern Confederacy. The last State which proposes to secede from the Union is Georgia, whose Convention meets on the 17th day of January. Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas have not yet distinctly indicated their actions; but, if they intend to act with the seceding States, they can easily accommodate their action to the first or second Monday in February. The delegates appointed by the several seceding Conventions, immediately after the Convention has finished its labors, can report to their several State Conventions for a ratification of the constitution. The constitution can thus be made, ratified and put into operation by April next.

It appears to us that this matter now constitutes the great business of our Convention, and that after finishing it the Convention can adjourn. It can direct its President to call it together again as soon as its delegates are prepared to report to it the Constitution which shall be agreed on for a Southern Confederacy.

THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA FOR SECESSION

MONTGOMERY, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Returns from all the counties in the different sections of the State, thus far received, indicate that straight out secession has swept everything by fifty thousand, in East, West, Middle and Southern Alabama. Hardly one opposed to separate State action has been elected.

The majority in the Convention for immediate secession will be at least fifty. Alabama will follow South Carolina on the 10th of January.

To-day passed off very quietly. No disturbance amongst the negro population, and no apprehension of any.

Gov. MOORE has issued his proclamation for an extra session of the Legislature, to convene on the 14th of January.

CONVENING OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The latest advices from Texas state that Gov. HOUSTON will convene an extra session of the Texas Legislature on the 21st of January, to consider the present crisis.

The Convention of the People will be held on the 28th of January.

The secession feeling is in the ascendant.

CO-OPERATION IN LOUISIANA.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The co-operation meeting this evening to ratify the nomination of Delegates was well attended. Speeches were made by Mr. SOULE and others.

THE ALLEGHANY ARSENAL EXCITEMENT.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The guns have not yet been sent from the Alleghany Arsenal, but the public mind is still agitated upon the subject. Strong hopes are entertained that the order will be revoked by the Secretary of War.

MR. LINCOLN ENCOUNTERS A SECESSIONIST.

The correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, writing from Springfield, Ill., describes a scene, to which allusion has already been made, between Mr. LINCOLN and a Mississippian wearing a blue cockade. The fellow received some rather severe rebuffs in his cruisings around town, and retired to his hotel in consequence. The correspondent writes:

"Nothing further was heard of the churl, until he leaped up at a sudden, in the afternoon, in Mr. LINCOLN'S reception room. His nerves were doubtless weakened up by dregs do as of whisky, for the derive fist of saying the 'Black Republican' line 'to hidden.' But great as his mettle may have been before entering into the Presidential presence, it evidently left him as soon as he entered. Introducing himself as Mr. D. E. RAY, of Yazoo, Miss., he took his seat with all the meekness of a lamb, and 'sat in silent expectation' for about twenty minutes—nothing, however, he let so that the object of his terror could not fail to observe the cockade. Insulting as the sight must have proved to the President elect, he perceived at once of what stuff the man was made, and hence hardly appeared to notice him, but quietly continued his conversation with some other visitors. A Missourian, who happened to be present and knew[illegible] the Mississippian, at last directed his attention to the latter. He asked him a number of questions in relation to the proposed secession of Mississippi. The sullen answers of the Southerner struck the ear of a radical Republican Yankee, likewise in attendance on the same occasion. Waxing angry at the Mississippian's obstinate reticence, he inquired tauntingly of him: 'I don't like all gas!' Whereupon the President elect, evidently weary at the prospect of a violent altercation, interposed by joining in the conversation. In the course the Southerner asserted that the people of his State were not afraid of Mr. LINCOLN, but the party cried shame. This latter ejaculation was at once a[illegible] provocation by reason of the violence. One of them is guilty of the obstacle man 'ebeth w he had ever read Mr. LINCOLN'S debates with Senator DOUGLAS.' Being answered in the negative, he required the former to furnish a copy to the first-enter; the latter also expressing a desire for the book, the President-elect procured one, and having appropriately inscribed it on the title page, handed it to him, remarking: 'You will find that the only difference between you and me is, that I think slavery wrong, and you think it right; that I am opposed to its extension, while you advocate it; and that as to the security of the institution and the protection of slave property in the States where it has a lawful existence, you will find it as great under my Administration as it ever was under that of Mr. Buchanan.'

Mr. LINCOLN also found occasion to state, 'that if the Southern States concluded upon a contingent secession, that is, upon awaiting aggressive acts on the part of his Administration, they would never get out of the Union.' All of this the southerner received in unbroken silence. He was obviously at a perplexing loss what to say. His embarrassment finally made him so uncomfortable, that he got up and tried to make his way out. Mr. LINCOLN saw him to the door, shook hands with him, and told him playfully that he hoped the Southern people were not afraid of getting hurt by him. 'No we ain't,' was the reply."

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts papers publish a correspondence between Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP and Hon. GEORGE ASHMUN, relative to the Personal Liberty Law. Mr. WINTHROP urges Mr. ASHMUN to use his influence to secure the repeal of this measure, and in reply to the latter writes emphatically:

"I say then, without hesitation, that, in my judgment, the enactments of our legislature which are intended, or calculated to impair the force and effect of the rightful slave acts of Congress are wholly unconstitutional and void. They should never have been passed; and ought not to be permitted to remain on our statute book. I denounced them when they were first projected and have never failed to feel and express a deep regret that any of our people should have been led, by acts of injustice on the part of any of our sister States, to retaliate by an act of indefensible wrong on our own part.

After giving a history of the different State laws which, in effect, obstructed the operation of the Fugitive Slave law, Mr. ASHMUN refers to the various unconstitutional acts now in force in South Carolina, but its bad eminence in this respect he says should be no excuse for Massachusetts; nor should she seek for justification of her course in the violence done to her senator, or to Kansas. He would not counsel the repeal of these obnoxious measures to please the plotters of treason at the South nor would he refrain from it to gratify ranc[illegible]dism which is equally hostile to the constitution in the North. The former class openly declare that they care nothing about them, and that their repeal would change no purpose of theirs. But they should be repealed because they are wrong; and being wrong, says Mr. ASHMUN, our own good cause is weakened by their continuance; and the sincere friends of the Union in the South are weakened because thereby this single and only vulnerable point which they cannot defend. Let our own State be right, and thus be invulnerable!"

He declines to sign the proposed memorial to the Legislature because this mode of approaching that body has been sadly abused.

Naval Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF THE CYANE'S CREW FROM THE PACIFIC.

The corvette *Macedonian*, ordered to the Gulf of Mexico, is now ready for sea at Portsmouth, N. H.

The old crew and the remnant of the marine guard of the corvette *Cyane*, of the Pacific Squadron, arrived here yesterday. The sailors were transferred to the receiving-ship *North Carolina*, and the marines to the barracks. Nearly half the latter deserted, so that the detachment is a small one. The accounts of the ship have been forwarded to Washington. It is thought that the men will be discharged.

The condition of the United States Corps of Marines is now receiving attention from the authorities. It consists, all told, of little less than 2,000 men, rank and file, of whom about 500 are stationed at the different Navy-yards, and the remainder on board our national ships, in various parts of the world. There is not in the pay of Government a more efficient or braver body of troops than the marines. Recruiting goes on slowly at the different barracks, but there are no special rendezvous opened.

Advices by the *Dolphin* report everything all right in the Brazil Station. The new steam gunboat *Seminole* was about to commence her "messenger business" in the waters of the La Plata and Paraguay. The officers and crew of the *Cyane* and *Dolphin* were well. Another ship was needed in the fleet.

The new steam corvette *Pensacola* will, we understand, be got ready for squadron duty early in the new year. Her machinery is almost ready for shipping at Norfolk where she arrived some months ago from Florida. The *Pensacola* will undergo a critical survey and trial trip before leaving the States, as some constructors seem doubtful of her success.

THE GREAT DEFALCATION.

The Statements of Russell—How the Bonds were Obtained—More Arrests Expected.

Injunction Against the Bank of the Republic in New-York.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

I had a personal interview with RUSSELL and BAILEY to-day. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars bonds have been offered in the case of RUSSELL. The five hundred thousand dollars could not be obtained. He has sent home to St. Louis for an indemnity bond, covering the whole amount, and it will soon be here. GODDARD, the Justice who fixed the bail, stated that he did it at the instance of the Executive, and had it been entirely left to himself, he would have made it nine hundred thousand dollars.

HUMPHREY MARSHAL, CHILTON & DAVIDGE, counsel for RUSSELL, intended to sue out a writ of *habeas corpus*, on the ground of cruel, excessive and unconstitutional bail. They concluded to wait a little, however, at the instance of RUSSELL, who says he is willing to comply with every demand of the Government, under protest. He protests strongly against the interference of the President.

RUSSELL assures me that he did not know how the bonds were obtained. They came through a third party, and he had no knowledge or connection with BAILEY'S acts. He paid the discounts and interest, and received no more than what was due him. He has no doubt he will establish his entire innocence. His business is badly broken up in consequence of his arrest, but he will not resign the Presidency of the Pony Express, as the Company all stand firmly by him.

LEA & LATHAM deny all knowledge of BAILEY'S operations and frauds.

Warrants were issued, to-day, for the arrest of two or three others.

FANT and GAULT gave BAILEY notice that they should surrender the bail in his case.—whereupon he voluntarily went to jail. The cause of this act of his bondsmen is not known—it probably results from the general indignation felt at the partiality shown BAILEY over RUSSELL, and the interference of the President.

A motion for a writ of *habeas corpus* for RUSSELL will be made in the morning.

The impeachment of FLOYD, Secretary of War, is freely talked of to night in the hotels and political circles, on account of the recent fraud developments.

O. P. Q.

DISPATCH TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Further revelations show that RUSSELL, MAJORS & Co's contract has two years to run. The alleged acceptances of the Secretary of War are said to consist of mere memoranda, stating that so much money would be due on the execution of certain service under the contract for the transportation of Army supplies, which RUSSELL from time to time used as collateral security in borrowing money. Such memoranda or certificates have heretofore been given by the other Departments under like circumstances. GERARD BAILEY, in his letter of confession to Secretary THOMPSON, says that no officer of the Government had any complicity or the slightest knowledge of the fact of his having abstracted the bonds, and that it was confined to the persons directly implicated and heretofore named.

The bondsmen for Mr. BAILEY surrendered him to-day and he is now in jail. As to the bail required of RUSSELL it having been agreed to take $200,000 outside the jurisdiction of the Court, Senator GRIMES and Representatives WOODSON and BARRETT, have gone his security for this amount. The remaining $300,000 is being made up by citizens of Washington.

The Secretary of the Treasury himself denies that any defalcation exists in his department. However, the examination into its condition continues, and so far none of the Trust bonds are missing.

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—DEC. 26.

Before Judge Smalley.

The United States of America and Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior vs. *William H.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Government and the Press—The New Circular of Count de Persigny—The Fall of Peking—The Late Murder in a Railway Carriage—Miscellaneous News.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1860.

A new circular to the Prefects of Police from the new Minister of the Interior, M. DE PERSIGNY, defines the position of the Administration on the subject of the Press. M. DE PERSIGNY begins by reading us a short lecture on the history of England, and then commits the absurdity of comparing the law on the Press in England to that in France, giving the preference for its liberality to the latter! With his French notions, he cannot see the abyss which exists between the condition of a Press judged, like the citizen, by the common law, and that judged by a single individual, independent of all law. In definitive, the new circular, which it was hoped was going to emancipate the Press, leaves it just here: Liberty to discuss the acts of the Government within bounds judged by M. DE PERSIGNY, *who promises to be liberal*, but an absolute prohibition, as heretofore, from attacking the Constitution or the Emperor.

The Allies have taken two of the exterior gates of Peking, they have pillaged the Summer palace of the Emperor, and the happy parents of the lucky sons who compose the French part of this foraging party, are already counting on the fortunes their sons are going soon to pour into their laps. There remain still the interior gates, and it would not be surprising if these were gates neither exterior nor interior, for travelers tell us that doors are one of the particular mania of the Chinese. The ones that have just fallen before the allied army may have been of porcelain or lacquer work, and in that case we shall see before six months the venders of curiosities at Paris selling pieces of the gates of Peking, or even plates of lacquer work from these same gates. The celestial Emperor, brother to the Sun and the Stars, has fallen into the low degree of a shooting star, for he has disappeared, and has gone to seek a hiding-place perhaps with the Moon, his cousin or aunt—the *savans* are not agreed on this latter point. This allied expedition proves, at least, that whether the Chinese invented powder or not, they do not know how to use it, and that if they are brilliant in peace, they shine but dimly in war.

For a few days past the hawkers have been selling in the streets of Paris a map printed in Hanover by the Court printer, and which represents the condition of France after the coalition. On this map all the northern and eastern circle of departments or counties are given to Germany, the southern circle to Switzerland, Italy and Spain France is limited to the central departments which surround Paris. Thus reduced, the kingdom might be called Bourges, as in the time of CHARLES VII. It is astonishing even, while thus dismembering the country, that they left anything at all; but Paris was there, and it is not the custom when one is invited out to dine to put the dessert in his pocket. You may wish to know why the French reprint and sell this uncomplimentary map in the streets of Paris; but they let you know themselves by printing over it the words, "How Germany is going to serve us in 1861." Accordingly, some malicious people believe the map is a forgery, and that the Government has chosen this as one of the methods to irritate the people against the Germans, and to prepare the way for that war on the Rhine, so much talked about in these later days. But there is evidence that the map is genuine, and thus we are left to believe that these good and peaceable Germans have selected this new mode of warfare as much less destructive and costly than the rifled cannon and the sword bayonet. It would be easy to reply to this with another map, and thus the war between nations would be reduced to an interchange of innocent rolls of printed paper; but the wit of the thing is not very apparent.

The murder of M. POINSOT, presiding Judge of the Imperial Court of Paris, in a railway train, has given rise to a discussion as to the best mode of avoiding similar accidents in the future. The police is careful that all other public places, all places outside the threshold of the private family but this, shall be well guarded against assassins, thieves and maniacs. Why should railway cars be an exception? Why should this horrid man-trap be tolerated, when it would be so easy to provide a remedy? These are the questions the public ask, and some one has had the courage to recommend the system of cars in use in a part of Germany, which is nothing more nor less than the American system lately adopted there. If there is one thing more than another in which the European Railway Companies show their obstinacy, or more than that, their downright stupidity, it is in this persistent refusal to put passengers in communication with the conductor and the engineer of a train. In England and France the cars are all short and divided into three compartments, holding each either six or eight persons, according as the road is a wide or a narrow guage. Once in a compartment—in England you are locked in—there is no longer any communication with either the conductor or the engineer, or with other of the passengers than those contained in your compartment. If you are alone with an assassin, he may murder and rob you at his leisure; if your small party comprise a maniac, he may draw a knife and cut and slash his fellow-passengers to pieces as an innocent pastime between one station and another; if your car catches fire you may be roasted to death, or, at least, suffocated with smoke, before accident reveals your condition to some one on the distant engine; for there is absolutely no communication, neither by a central aisle, as exists in the American trains, nor by a wire communication running along the top. Was there ever stupidity so flagrant, and especially so criminal? And yet there is not one month that passes in England more particularly, in which the papers do not notice an accident more or less serious from this want of communication through a train. Nevertheless, England and France talk loudly of their progress—so loudly, that we are almost forced to believe that they do not adopt this American idea simply because it is American. Since the famous burning of a whole train-load of several hundred people on the Versailles road, the French have adopted the plan of placing a guard on the last car, in a box overlooking the train, and by his side he carries a cow's horn, with which to inform the engineer if he smells smoke. But this man cannot see or know of crimes perpetrated within the multitudinous compartments of the cars, and, even in case of fire, one nose is not as good as several hundred. In this discussion, provoked by the late terrible murder, the best thing that has been proposed is the fixing of a pane of glass in the partition between compartments, so that people can peep through from one compartment to another, and see what their neighbors are doing! French inventive genius hath this extent and no more!

The French Government, which retains the control of the telegraph lines, has been reproached by the mercantile people for not seeking to introduce modifications into the system, in order to diminish the tariff of charges. One of the semi-official papers replies to the complaints, apparently by authority, and we gather from this reply some facts interesting to the American reader. It appears that pretended improvements are frequently presented, and that these improvements are faithfully tested, but that up to the present moment the Morse system, now exclusively in use in France, has constantly maintained its superiority over all other systems, both for economy and for facility of working. Lately an invention was presented to the director of the telegraphs by a M. MARQFOY, which was heralded by its inventor as the great desideratum, and this instrument, after careful investigation, was found to be almost a reproduction of BAIN'S telegraph, without, however, any advantages over that one. It was tried over different lines and found not only deficient in clearness of printing and in economy, (for it required a steam-engine to turn the cylinders,) but it did not equal the Morse system in rapidity. But an exception to these general failures is made in favor of the system of Prof. HUGHES, of Kentucky. This system, according to the writer in the French paper, is now being thoroughly tested, and such results have been already obtained as warrant the belief that it will be eventually adopted, but whether to the exclusion of the Morse system or not, the writer does not say. It is a matter of just pride, however, that in either case the system is still American, and that nothing, so far, has been invented in Europe which at all approaches the perfection or the efficiency of the American inventions.

An American sewing-machine establishment at Paris—that of GROVER & BAKER—directed by Mr. GOODWIN, has adopted in the Paris journals that hideous style of advertising now so much in fashion in the United States, which consists in repeating lines and words through a whole column or page. The innovation of Mr. GOODWIN is the newspaper curiosity of the moment; but, fortunately, the disfiguration of the journals is scarcely perceptible, since they are little better than "posters" in their normal condition.

A letter from Naples publishes an account of a dinner given by the King of Sardinia at that city, at which the British Admiral and the Commander of the American man-of-war, the *Iroquois*, were present. Only in giving the names of these gentlemen he calls them, no doubt by an excess of courtesy, Admiral Sir RODNEY MUNDY, and Capt. Sir PALMER.

The Duke of Malakoff is to have $100,000 a year as Governor of Algeria, which, added to his salary as Marshal, Senator, Member of the Council of Regency and Duke, constitute an income from the State Treasury of $162,000 a year. But the Duke can't obtain the consent of his young wife to accompany him in his Algerine exile, and she is fitting up the handsome residence in the Avenue Montaigne, given her by the Empress at the time of her marriage, as a permanent residence during the Governor's absence. The Governor was complaining a few days ago to the Emperor that he could not induce his wife to go with him to Algiers, when His Majesty said to him, laughing, "That's it; yon can take Sebastopol, Duke, but you can't conquer a woman!"

Gen. FLEURY, the bosom friend and constant companion of the Emperor, and who is said to be a little free with his Majesty's money under the present arrangement, is about to have created for him a sort of Ministry which will have the charge of the horse and dog establishments of his Majesty.

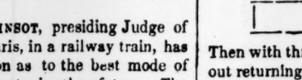
Mr. CORDEN, after having finished the commercial transactions for which he was sent to France, and after a fortnight's visiting among his friends—for no man was ever more of a lion in Paris society—has just left for a two months' visit to Algiers.

A marriage has just taken place between the Prince BIBESCO and a grand-daughter of Marshal NEY, Mlle. D'ELCHINGEN.

It appears certain that M. EMILE DE GIRARDIN is to return to the *Presse*, of which he will have the political department. Just after the new liberal measures of the Government, the entry of such a pen into the political arena cannot be regarded otherwise than as dangerous.

A M. JOSEPH HORD, living in one of the Departments, has offered the sum of 250 francs as a premium for the best solution of the following question: What is the best method of elevating the energy of the provincial mind without obstructing the rapidity of political action?" Fifty dollars is not too much for answering a problem almost as difficult as that other well-known one: Given the length of a vessel and the height of the mainmast, find the age of the captain.

Speaking of problems, "all Paris and the Departments" have been worried for the last month over the following, published seriously in the *Monde Illustré*. Draw a series of lines thus:



Then with three strokes of the finger, and without returning upon any line already touched, wipe them all out. All the slates, dead-walls and shop-doors of Paris are now sacrificed to this interesting exercise in mathematics. MALAKOFF.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

The Resistance of Francis II. at Gaeta—Suffering at Rome—The Policy of Austria in Venetia—Division of the Italian Navy—Views of American Politics.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Thursday, Dec. 6, 1860.

FRANCIS II. still stubbornly resists at Gaeta, and no one knows whether it will be days, or weeks, or even months, before he is dislodged. Gen. CIALDINI is pushing forward as rapidly as circumstances will permit his seige works, and will before long be prepared to strike his hardest blows. The young King has been hunted like a beast of prey all the way from his capital to what may be called his last den, which has no opening except into the sea. The prolonged and spirited resistance which he has made, has surprised everybody, and won for him somewhat of the *prestige* which belongs to a real hero. But he gains no new friends, and there are none left to smile favorably upon him except the Pope and the priests of Rome. He has been prudent and humane enough to send the female members of his family to a place of safety. They have arrived at Rome and are temporarily accommodated in the palace of the Quirinal Hill. It is said that the magnificent Farnese Palace, which is the property of the King, will be got ready for the Royal family. It may be that FRANCIS II., when resistance at Gaeta is no longer possible, may find it more convenient to establish himself in the family mansion in the Eternal City, surrounded with sympathizing and well-tried friends, rather than seek a colder asylum in more distant Bavaria or Spain. The young Bourbon is far from having lost all his hope, and must still wish to be a near spectator of passing events. He knows, as well as any Italian of what unstable elements the population of his own Naples is composed, and the slightest courage or sagacity, would prompt him to be near at hand to take advantage of any new circumstances which the vicissitudes of revolution may present.

From Rome no very cheering intelligence comes. Murmurs of discontent, and groans that come of real suffering, only are heard. No portion of Peter's pence which the Catholic world has been contributing to replenish the Pope's purse, goes to relieve the sufferings of the famishing population, or help carry forward in a legitimate way the work which was begun by the Saviour of men and his apostles. Very few foreigners have yet arrived at Rome, and that portion of the inhabitants dependent upon strangers for a living, are looking forward to a season even worse than the last. Street robberies are frequent, and the police seem to be thinking of anything else but looking after the delinquents. Many of FRANCIS the Second's discharged soldiers are arriving at Rome, and of the 21,000, or more, still serving him at Gaeta, it may be expected that before long some new detachments will follow. Soldiering is a very uncertain trade, and pays but poorly in peaceful piping times, and it is not a great deal more to be coveted by those who can find anything better to do, when the drum and bugle sound for war. There are just now in Florence a good many discharged volunteers from GARIBALDI'S camp, not a few of whom are somewhat worse for the wear and tear of military life.

Reports continue to come of a possible willingness on the part of Austria to part with Venetia for a money consideration; but there is probably not the slightest reason for entertaining such a belief. The policy or the pride of Austria does not so readily give way. Her ability to defend that province is probably greater at this moment than ever before. But the power of Italy, either for resistence or aggression, is also greater, and the temptation which the King must feel, in spite of opposite counsels, to measure his strength with the Emperor for the possession of this prize, may be too great to be overcome. A new war in the Spring is looked forward to as a result inevitable, from present tendencies. Austria has now 130,000 men within the limits of her Italian province, and more than that number which, at a moment of exigency, she could pour over the border. Her forces at present in Italy are divied into five sections, much better officered, we are assured, than for some time before. By next year VICTOR EMANUEL will have at least 300,000 men of arms which he can bring into the field. Besides these, there will be bodies of mobilized and unmobilized National Guard, which may act as a police when the soldiers of the regular army are removed from the more turbulent centres. The Ministerial Council are maturing the project of law, upon which the National Parliament, at its approaching session, will be called upon to act, which will proclaim VICTOR EMANUEL King of Italy, and declare Venice to be part and parcel of his kingdom. The most important question is, will the latter step be equivalent to a declaration of war against Austria, for the acquisition of the only portion of Italian territory now remaining under foreign control?

Another scheme which is about to be carried into execution is the division of the now very respectable Italian Navy into three fleets—that of the North, with the station at Genoa; of the South, with the station at Naples, and of the Adriatic, with Ancona as the point of departure and return. New vessels are in process of construction, and others are projected. Several cities are taking steps for the contribution of means by which vessels to be called after them are to be built and given to the Government, as tokens of municipal loyalty. Great activity prevails in all the Government establishments for the manufacture of cannon and munitions of war. It will cost something handsome to set up the new kingdom; of that the Italians are persuaded, and they are willing to spend. But the condition of the country demands that even greater efforts should be made than those at present put forth. GARIBALDI has again and again told his fellow-countrymen that an army of not less than a half a million of men is the best guarantee of the independence of Italy, after it is once acquired. Men and money in abundance are now needed, perhaps, more than ever before, as a security against the possible disaster of defeat from abroad, or reaction at home.

Intelligence of the success of the party opposed to the extension of Slavery in the United States has been received in this part of Europe with general and very intense satisfaction. To be sure, the remarks in the Italian journals exhibit a very imperfect acquaintance with our affairs, but the usual tone is one of sympathy and hopefulness in view of the more just and reasonable position, upon the question of Slavery, which the country is about to assume. For years past the public opinion of Europe has undoubtedly tended less and less favorably towards us. We were, as a political society, losing confidence and respect—not for the negative fault of political inconsistency, but for the positive crime of encouraging a great wrong springing from a principle so poisonous and vile that in its workings it must not only destroy the Republic, but Liberty itself. The most intelligent advocates of progress here, who must naturally be our best friends, were discouraged and made sad by our example of retrogression. But now, all once more take courage, and, as with those engaged in a common cause, sympathize sincerely with us in the struggles and trials through which we have yet to go. Strange it is that, in our case, Democracy has suffered most from those who pretend to be its sincerest advocates. It has been wounded by members of its own household, and received its most damaging blows from the hands of its friends.

Referring to the very imperfect understanding which the people here generally have of our political state, reminds one of the extreme ignorance which exists, even among tolerably well educated persons, of our general condition. The people of Northern Italy live more in contact with the great world, and with superior facilities for knowing what is going forward, would be ashamed not to be any better informed than their neighbors of the Centre and the South. Before the awakening of 1848, the people of Italy hardly had an idea of a world beyond the Alps, and it is only since the last shock that they have been stimulated to open their eyes wide enough to give even a glance at the two great continents of Asia and America. As to our great English-speaking branch of the human family, their imaginations are often sadly confused. There are those who do not appear to have made up their minds whether the country known as the United States is somewhere in the heart of England, or whether England has a "local habitation" in the middle of America. They are constantly seeing many of the wandering children of the two countries, whose tongues wag to the use of the same words, but they do not always distinguish the citizen from the subject. Still, they are beginning at length to apply those exterior tests which distinguish Jonathan from John; among the most conventional of which are the whiskers and the shoes. But while the people here are ignorant of us, they wish to know of us. No print in a shop-window attracts so much attention as one representing some characteristic scene in our country. Americans coming to Europe, who wish to do a little missionary work, would do well to put into the bottom of their trunks a few maps, photographs and prints of our principal streets and buildings, to be scattered for the benefit of those who seek instruction through the medium of the eye. AP.

FROM JAPAN.

Refusal to Negotiate a Treaty with Prussia—Security of Foreigners—Trade, &c.

From Our Own Corresondent.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1860.

I have little in the shape of news to give you by this mail. The Prussians have been positively refused a treaty; and the Commissioner, Count EULENBERG, finds himself in rather an unpleasant predicament, hardly knowing what course to pursue. He is oscillating with his two ships of war between this port and Yedo, so as to give his men liberty on shore occasionally, as that cannot be done in the Imperial city. I understand that he hopes the arrival of the *Niagara*, with the Ambassadors, will alter in some degree the policy of the Japanese Government, as it will then be fully aware of the ability of Western nations to enforce their just demands. More will depend, however, we believe, on the turn things take at the Pei-ho; for, without a doubt, the Japanese will become insolent over a defeat of the Allied forces.

The latest advices from the seat of war are, that the Allies were before Peking; that they met with some considerable opposition on their way up, and were waiting for reinforcements of men, guns and ammunition before laying siege to the Imperial Capital. It was reported that the Emperor had fled. Commissioner PARKS, from Canton, and the correspondent of the London *Times*, that were captured under a flag of truce, are still in the hands of the Chinese. No harm has, as yet, been done them, as PARKS, in a letter to Lord ELGIN, says he is well cared for and in comfortable quarters. The Chinese have received notice that if they harm a hair of these prisoners heads Peking will be given to the flames.

Though the Japanese may be troublesome on diplomatic relations, no further fears are entertained for the safety of foreigners here—if they do not indiscreetly prowl about nights. As a community, however, we feel quite as secure as we would in Europe or America. Prince MITO, who I have said in a previous letter has been the great enemy to foreigners, and the instigator of the assassinations last Winter, is dead. It is reported that he died from poison, but being a man over 60 he probably died from natural causes. A small trade is going on in tea and silk—a slight improvement perhaps on your last dates from here. A large import trade in cotton goods and camlets has sprung up, however, on which foreigners are making very large profits—as they take in pay the dollar which cost the Japanese but 66 cents worth of their products. The United States steamer *Hartford* arrived here on the 25th from Nagasaki, and is to be followed by the *Saginaw* in a few days. The *Niagara* has not yet arrived, but we are looking for her every day.

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FROM MISSOURI.

Conservative Feeling in St. Louis and Missouri—Edward Bates in Lincoln's Cabinet—The Secession of South Carolina had its Effect upon the People—The Southwest Expedition and Gen. Frost's Duel.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Saturday, Dec. 22, 1860.

During this season of sensations and alarms, when the blue-lights of the melodrama shed a livid and ghastly radiance upon the political stage, a veracious newsmonger will find any dish which he may prepare for the public palate from this place flat and spiritless, lacking as it must, the essential spice of secession or the rich aromatic flavor of treason. We are in good sooth a quiet, humdrum, Union-loving, law-abiding people here, who, suffering intensely in the sensitive pocket nerve from the madness which rules the hour and paralizes public credit, but who do not yet despair of the Constitution and the Confederacy, nor realize that the success of the Republicans has been the ruin of the Republic. Although a few ambitious youths have sported in the streets of St. Louis the far-famed cockade of disunion, to the amused amazement of sober citizens, and the infinite delectation of a "rabble rout" of curious boys, yet the large majority of the people of Missouri are in favor of giving a fair trial to the President who has been fairly elected, before they permit the chivalric champions of Southern rights and wrongs to smash things generally.

This popular feeling has been strengthened and deepened by the announcedment that EDWARD BATES has been called to the Cabinet of Mr. LINCOLN. The ripe experience and eminent qualifications of this distinguished son of Missouri, together with his well-known conservatism and patriotism, give assurance, not only to the people of his own State, but to his old associates and friends throughout the South, that nothing aggressive or ultra will characterize the policy of the next Administration. Mr. BATES finds no inconsistency between his old position of a Southern Whig and his present decided Republicanism. He does not hesitate to declare his opinion, that the Union must be preserved, even though it be necessary to arm the strong hand of the Government to coerce recusant and seceding States back to their loyalty.

The action of South Carolina has effected no change in, nor, indeed, has it produced any apparent impression upon the sentiment of this community. The announcement of the newsboys of her "succession" was viewed as merely a laughable way of telling a foregone conclusion. The only question of serious import is what will be her action in regard to Fort Moultrie. Should her misguided citizens commit the long-talked of "overt act," then, indeed, will a fearful day of reckoning speedily await them; so long as they vent their spleen in wordy harangue and harmless ordinances they are safe, but should they by armed interference with the Federal authorities tarnish the lustre of our national flag, then let them expect the doom of traitors.

The Southwest expedition of the gallant citizen soldiery of St. Louis to repress the rumored incursions of MONTGOMERY, has resulted, since their return, in numerous quarrels among the valiant heroes of that bloodless campaign, to say nothing of its harvest of cramps, colds and catarrhs. Mars for a time ruled the heavens and rained chivalric influences down. It would seem that during their brief military experience of three weeks many of the privates fancied that their officers assumed the arrogance of martinets, and treated their men not as beloved fellow-citizens, companions of their toils, but as if, like Falstaff's ragged regiment, they were mere food for powder. Amicable adjustments and satisfactory apologies and explanations have been the order of the day among these chieftains since they have returned to the level of common mortality, with the notable exception of the Generalissimo of the expedition. Mr. E. B. SAYERS was a private in the Engineer Corps, and in a letter to the Missouri *Democrat*, was indiscreet enough to indulge in some comments upon the conduct of Gen. FROST towards the Brigade. The morning after the arrival of the soldiers home, Gen. FROST (who is not the mythical Jack Frost the *Courrier des Etat Unis* would have him) called upon Mr. SAYERS and demanded if he was the author of the letter in the *Democrat*. SAYERS admitted he was, when Gen. FROST administered a severe castigation with his horsewhip, an armed friend standing by to prevent any interruption. SAYERS made some ineffectual resistance at the time, and the next morning sent his assailant a challenge, which was duly accepted. The parties were promptly on the ground, with the usual retinue of seconds, witnesses and surgeons, and exchanged shots with dueling pistols in the most harmless manner possible. Gen. FROST'S second then asked if SAYERS was satisfied. He demanded another shot. Then FROST'S second communicated to the company that his principal had told him before coming on the ground that he would not fire at Mr. SAYERS, and that in fact he had not aimed at him, but at a tree some distance from him, where the effect of his ball could be seen. Mr. SAYERS, upon learning this, expressed himself satisfied, and mutual explanations and apologies passed between the parties, who returned to the city in an exceedingly amicable frame of mind. Although the duel was fought within three miles of the Court-house, and the whole details are matter of public notoriety, no attempt has been or will be made to vindicate the violated majesty of the law. E.

LAW COURTS AND POLICE.

Court Calendar.... THURSDAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—Unchanged.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I.*—Adjourned for the term. *Part II.*—Adjourned to Friday.

SENTENCES OF CRIMINALS.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

In this court yesterday, before Judge BALCOM, several prisoners, convicted during the term, were brought up for sentence.

SENTENCE OF MORRISETT FOR ARSON.

Come A. Morrisett, who had pleaded guilty of arson in the third degree, was first put to the bar. The Court remarked to the prisoner that when he had pleaded, the District Attorney had stated that his connection with the transaction for which his brother had been sentenced to State Prison, was not altogether clear. On account of this, and some other representations which had been made to the Court, a low sentence would be imposed, in the hope that when the prisoner returned to society, he might determine to reform, and gain an honest livelihood by his industry. The sentence was confinement in the penitentiary for six months.

THE SCHUMACKER MURDER—HOFFMAN SENTENCED.

Franz Hoffman, who had pleaded guilty to the murder of Mrs. Schumacker and her child, was next brought out. He was a German, and all communication with him was conducted through Mr. KAMINSKI. The Court remarked that it had no discretion in imposing a sentence for murder in the second degree, to which offence the prisoner had pleaded guilty. The statute was peremptory in affixing the penalty of imprisonment in the State Prison for life. This, therefore, was the sentence of the Court. The usual advice was given, to devote the hours of leisure to repentance and prayer to God for forgiveness.

FINLEY, THE WIFE-MURDERER, SENTENCED.

Daniel Finley, convicted of murder in the second degree, in killing his wife, was next brought out. He simply remarked that he was not guilty of the crime of which he had been convicted. The Court replied that the jury could not have brought in any less verdict than they had given. It was unsafe that such a person as the prisoner should go at large. He was, therefore, sentenced to the State Prison for life; the sentence being accompanied with the same advice as that given to the last prisoner sentenced.

KIMMELSTIEL SENTENCED—OPINION OF COURT ON THE POWER TO SUSPEND SENTENCES.

Samuel Kimmelstiel, convicted of receiving stolen goods, was next put to the bar. His counsel urged a light sentence. The Court remarked that it had received an affidavit setting forth the bad character of Mrs. Karples, one of the principal witnesses against the prisoner; but that it could not therefore render the sentence any less than previously determined upon. His Honor had been asked to suspend sentence in this, as well as in Morrisett's case. But he did not believe that any Criminal Court in the State had legal authority to suspend sentence upon a person convicted. In the Governor alone resided the pardoning power, and suspension of sentence was a *quasi* pardon. His Honor had understood that the Recorder had exercised the function of suspending sentence often, and he had asked that officer by what authority he did so. The Recorder had replied that he believed there was an old statute applying to his Court. But neither Judge Balcom, nor either of the Supreme Justices whom he had consulted had been able to find the statute. Some of the country Justices of the Peace had lately begun to adopt the fashion from their City brethren, and exercised a suspending power for which they had no legal warrant whatever. In the present case, if the Court had the power to suspend sentence, it would not exercise it; such a power, if it exists, should be used with the greatest discretion, and very rarely. The sentence of the Court was, that the prisoner be confined at hard labor in State Prison for two years. Upon hearing his sentence, Kimmelstiel broke into noisy demonstrations of grief, which continued till he was removed from the Court.

THE LEARY MURDER—SENTENCE OF SHAY.

Mortimer Shay, who having been tried and convicted of murder under the old law, had obtained from the Court of Appeals a new trial, on Tuesday last pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. He was now brought up for sentence. His counsel offered several affidavits mitigating the character of the prisoner's offence. The Court however refused to change its mind, on the strength of *ex-parte* affidavits, and sentenced the prisoner to State Prison for life; the sentence being accompanied with the usual advice.

THE KAVENAGH MURDER—SCHACHT SENTENCED.

Frederick Schacht, convicted of manslaughter in the third degree, for having taken the life of Michael Kavenagh, was next sentenced to State Prison for the term of three years and nine months; he Court remarking that it hoped the prisoner would take a warning from the present difficulty, when he came out from his confinement, to refrain from engaging in violent quarrels of any sort.

THE JEFFERDS CASE—MOTION FOR DISCHARGE DENIED.

Counsel for defence in the Jefferds' case next applied to the Court for discharge, or admission to bail of the prisoner, under the statute entitling a prisoner to a motion for discharge, when one term shall have passed after his indictment without having the cause tried on it. The motion was opposed by the District Attorney, on the ground that he wished to wait before he put this case to trial, until there had been an adjudication on the murder law of last Winter. Counsel for prisoner replied that there was no need of delay on that ground, as the defendant had offered on a previous occasion, through his counsel, to stipulate to be hung if convicted. After much discussion on both sides, the motion was denied.

TICKET SWINDLER ARRAIGNED.

Isaiah Sclover, indicted for ticket swindling, was next arraigned, and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set down for the first day of next term. This is a second offence, the prisoner having previously been convicted on an indictment for false pretences.

HABEAS CORPUS DISMISSED.

On a writ of *habeas corpus* directed to Sheriff Kelly, and ordering him to produce the body of Louis Prager, the Sheriff appeared by counsel, and after some discussion, and the writ being found formally defective, the motion was dismissed without prejudice.

The Court then adjourned *sine die*. The next term will open on the first Monday in January.

Charge of Judge Smalley on the Slave-trade.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—DEC. 26.

Before Judge Smalley.

A Grand Jury was summoned for this morning, and the following named gentlemen answered to their names and were sworn in:

EDWARD M. YOUNG, Foreman.

J. W. Burnham,	Edwin Bergh,	Edward M. Banks,
Jas. R. Breusing,	Sam'l M. Lodge,	Silas Dexter,
F. B. Elliott,	M. W. Hamilton,	H. V. W. Hyslop,
G. Lockwood,	John A. Olcott,	A. A. Peterson,
Chas. Partridge,	Joel P. Post,	Stephen Phillbi,
Robt. W. Redman,	S. H. St. John,	Elnathan Thorn,
Sam'l F. Williams,	R. F. Woodward,	Wm. Wright,
	Thomas S. Young.	

Judge SMALLEY then proceeded to charge the Jury in relation to the various offences which might be brought to their attention—among other things he charged them at some length as to the various statutes against the Slave-trade, which he prefaced with the following remarks:

"You will probably be called upon to investigate alleged infractions of the laws for the suppression of the Slave-trade. It is not the duty nor the right of Courts or Jurors—to whom the Constitution and laws of our country have committed the administration of justice—to be blind or deaf to the generally-understood violation of any *important* law in the community around them. On the contrary, it is their imperative duty, if they have reason to believe, or even to suspect, that grave offences are committed against the laws, to make careful and thorough inquiries in relation thereto, and, if the fact is established, to present and punish the perpetrators.

If courts or jurors fail to do so, they in turn become offenders against the law, faithless, perjured guardians of the great trusts reposed in them, and deserving of the most condign punishment.

That the laws for the suppression of the Slave-trade have been of en most grossly violated in this port, and in other places within the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts in this District, is a fact too notorious to admit of dispute or question. That this unchristian and inhuman traffic has greatly increased within the last few years, and is still increasing, and that principally from vessels fitted in and cleared from this port, does not admit of a doubt.

Within the last three months more than three thousand miserable human beings have been taken by American cruisers from slave vessels sailing from the port of New York.

This fact is well understood throughout the United States and all Christendom.

It has, at home and abroad, become a stigma and reproach upon this, the great commercial and maritime metropolis of the Western Continent, that his has been permitted. The laws against it are sufficiently plain, explicit and severe to put a speedy end to it, if vigorously and vigilantly enforced.

It will be a sad commentary upon the administrators of these laws, if, in future, they are not enforced. The bold, defiant situation of this infamous, but growing traffic, it is believed is now well understood.

No honest man will lend it encouragement, but since it is known to exist, he will aid in putting it down, and bringing to punishment those engaged in it.

When any Government becomes so feeble, so indifferent, or so corrupt, that it will not enforce its vital laws—anarchy or revolution begins and *then* will soon be an end of all laws.

It must be expected that the degraded bad men who engage in, or aid and abet, this horrible trade (for none others do) will resort to any species of chicanery, fraud and falsehood to escape detection, cover up their infamy, and avoid punishment. Those who will in any way be privy to it, will resort to any crime, however atrocious, to conceal it. Such is human nature.

And a knowledge of it should be met by the most unyielding determination, vigilance, and vigor, of the officers of the law, to ascertain the truth, point out the criminals, and bring them to justice."

The Fowler Bond—Postponement of the Case.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—DEC 26.

Before Justice Betts.

George Law et al. vs. *The United States.*—The plaintiffs' counsel moved this case, at the opening of Court this morning. The District-Attorney said that he had expected to try the case this morning, but must ask a postponement; that in view of the number of counsel opposed to him, he had written to the Government in relation to having associate counsel himself, and the gentleman to whom he had spoken to act with him could not attend till Friday; that a witness, moreover, for the Government was unable to be in Court this morning, and that he himself had a cold which made it difficult for him to talk much, and had a very important piece of business now pending for the Government involving some $870 000.

Judge BATES said that there was no excuse offered which the Court could listen to, if the application was opposed, except the illness of the District-Attorney.

Mr. O'CONOR, for the defendants, said that he could not consent to the postponement, but he never could contend with much eagerness against a fair application for delay; that he could not go into the case on Friday as he had the first case at the Court of Appeals on Monday.

So after some further consultation the case was postponed for the term.

Trinity Church Property—Liability of Lessees for Assessments.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justices Rodney.

The Rector, &c., of Trinity Church vs. *Israel Cook.*—This action was brought to make the defendant liable, as lessee of the plaintiffs' property in Reade-street.

In April, 1832, the plaintiffs leased to one Schwartz, for 21 years, a lot of land on the northerly side of Reade-street, which was subsequently assigned to the defendant. In 1836, an ordinance was passed for the widening of the street, as will be remembered, and the property was assessed for $2 000. The defendant declined to pay the assessment, averring that the plaintiffs, as reversioners, had been awarded $1,750, as damages to the lot in consequence of the widening of the street; and that he had tendered to them the difference between the amount of the assessment and the amount so received as damages.

The plaintiffs, however, aver'd that by the terms of the lease the lessee was to pay all assessments, taxes and charges on the lot for the term of the lease, and that the defendant was therefore liable to pay the entire amount. The plaintiffs having paid the sum of the assessment, brought this action to recover it back. To the defendant's answer, in substance as above stated, a demurrer was interposed. The following is the opinion of the Court:

BOSWORTH, J.—The question raised and argued in this case is whether or not the covenant in the lease above mentioned applies to and makes the lessee or his assigns liable to pay the said assessment of $2,000 for the widening of Reade street. The covenant is "that the lessee and his assigns shall and will bear, pay and discharge all such duties, taxes, assessments and payments of what nature or kind soever as shall, during the term, be imposed on or grow due or payable out of or by reason of the said demised premises, or any part or parcel thereof;" and the statement in the complaint (which is not denied) is that by said proceedings for widening Reade-street, taken while defendant was assignee of said lease and term, this assessment of $2,000 was imposed on and grew due and payable out of and for and by reason of the part of the demised premises not taken for said widening.

This statement brings the assessment clearly within the terms of the covenant, which runs with the land and binds the assignee; (Astor *vs.* Hoyt, 5 Wended. 603; Astor *vs.* Miller, 2 Paige, 69; Kearney *vs.* Post, 1 Laud S. C. R., 105; Childs *vs.* Clark, 3 Barb. Ch. R., 52;) but defendant says the Commissioners did not assess him for any benefit to his interest in the premises, but they awarded to the plaintiffs, as reversioners, for damage to the premises $1,750, and assessed them for benefit in respect thereto $2,000; and he insists that these facts relieve the defendant from the obligation of the covenant.

The act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New-York into an act passed April 9, 1813, provides (sec. 178,) that in cases of opening or widening streets, &c., the Commissioners appointed for that purpose shall make an estimate and assessment of the damage (if any) over and above the benefit, or of the benefit (if any) over and above the damage, as the case may be, to the respective owners, lessees, and persons respectively entitled to, or interested in the lands required for the purpose of the improvement, and in making their report shall state and report the excess and surplus only of the damage over benefit, or of benefit over damage, as the case may be to such owners, lessees and persons respectively; and (sec. 181) that when part only of any lot or premises then under lease or other contract, shall be taken for the improvements, all contracts and engagements respecting the same shall, upon the confirmation of the report, cease and be discharged as to the part so taken, but remain valid as to the residue; and the rents or payments reserved or payable in respect of the same, shall be equitably apportioned.

Under this act, it now in force, it is conceded that the defendant would be liable to pay the excess of damage over benefit which would have been assessed and reported by the Commissioners against the plaintiffs, as owners of the premises subject to the lease.

By the act passed April 20th, 1839, to amend the act before mentioned, (Laws of 1839, page 182) it is provided (sec. 3) that it shall be the duty of such Commissioners to report fully and separately the amount of loss and damage, and of benefit and advantage to each and every owner, lessee and person entitled to or interested in any lands or premises required for the purpose of any such improvement, and so much of the act of 1813 as is inconsistent with the provision is (by sec. 13) repealed.

The defendant now insists that the amount which, by and under the proceedings in question, has been awarded and paid to the plaintiff, as stated in the answer, for damage, by reason of said proceedings, to their estate and interest in the premises described in said lease, should be deducted from the amount assessed upon such estate and interest, and the balance of said assessment only (or rather an equitable part of such balance) should be charged upon the defendant.

I can see no ground for sustaining this position. This case was made since 1839, and it is to be presumed with reference to this law passed in that year. It is conceded that the proceedings for widening Reade-street have been regular, and that the law authorizing and regulating such proceedings has been observed and executed. It follows that in that part of the demised premises taken for the improvement, there has been awarded and paid to defendant the value of his lease with interest thereon, and to plaintiffs the value of their estate, subject to said lease. In relation to the residue of the premises there has been assessed and reported the amount of benefit to the defendant as lessee (if any) and the plaintiffs as owners, subject to the lease, of such residue. And the rent to be paid by defendant to plaintiffs under the lease, subsequent to the improvement, has been or will be equitably apportioned. The part of the premises taken for the improvement must, I think, be regarded as entirely out of the case. That part has been by superior right (that of eminent domain) taken from both these parties, and both have been paid for their respective estates and interests therein. The lease, with all its covenants remains in full to cease to the residue of the premises, and the amount of rent to be paid for such residue from the time of the improvement to the end of the term has been equitably adjusted, and this question now presented must be, in my opinion, decided in the same way as if this residue had been the whole premises originally demised. As I understand the case it is conceded that this assignment of $2,000 is imposed upon and payable by reason of said residue of the demised premises remaining subject to the lease, and it is not alleged that any sum has been paid or awarded to the plaintiffs as owners, or by reason or on account of said residue.

In my judgment the covenant in the lease applies to and includes this assessment, and makes the defendant liable therefor; and the statements of the answer are not sufficient to relieve him from such liability or to entitle him to any deduction from the amount claimed against him.

The plaintiffs must have judgment on the demurrer, with leave to defendant to amend his answer in twen

engaged in a dispute as to whether the natives of County Connaught were better men than those whose fortune it was to have been born in County Kerry. The company had all been drinking freely, and were filled with an energy which could not find vent in words, consequently it sought relief in the operation of the knock-down argument. The result was that James Alleman had his head smashed with an iron wrench, and it is thought that he cannot survive the injury. Another of the disputants, Edward Rearyman, had a slice taken from his scalp with a sabre, while several others were severely injured. Capt. Silvey and a force of policemen were promptly on hand to stop the disturbance, and Francis Dunlevy, Wm. Mitchell, Daniel Connor and James Culty were arrested. The prisoners were yesterday locked up in the Tombs pending an examination.

A WELL-TIMED VISIT.

Miss Mary E. Ford, keeper of a store for the sale of hair jewelry, on the second floor of No. 600 Broadway, happening on Tuesday evening to be in the vicinity of her place of business which had been closed all day, took a fancy to call there, for purpose of seeing that everything was safe. She was at the time in company of Mr. James McCall, who stood at the street door while the lady made the inspection of the store. On entering the place Miss Ford's attention was attracted to two men, who were rummaging the show-case, and at sight of her they dashed down stairs to the street. Mr. McCall gave an alarm, which resulted in the arrest of one of the rogues named Henry Howland, but his confederate escaped. The burglars had gained admission to the store by means of false keys, and the one who got away took with him brooches, vest guards, &c., valued in the aggregate at $115. Justice Quackenbush committed the prisoner for trial, in default of $2 000 bail.

THEFT OF DRESS GOODS.

A youth named John Williams, was yesterday committed to prison by Justice Kelly, for taking a piece of beaver cloth valued at $33, from a pile of dress goods exhibited in front of the store of Julius Levy, No. 99 William-street. The property was recovered. Williams is said to be an old offender, and the officers who arrested him found burglars' implements in his possession. John Jones, a laborer, was also arrested and imprisoned, charged with having stolen a piece of cloth, valued at $75 from Benjamin Marks, dealer in cloths, &c., at No. 107 William-street. He was caught while carrying the cloth away.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

On Monday night a young man named Henry Wilson palmed a counterfeit three dollar bill, on the Market Bank, this City, upon Henry McCabe, at No. 391 Third-avenue, in payment for some creature comforts. When the worthlessness of the bill became known, Wilson was pursued and arrested, and it transpired that he had attempted to swindle the proprietors of several stores in the neighborhood with similar counterfeits, which had been refused. He was held by Justice Quackenbush to answer.

BURGLARY AT AN OYSTER SALOON.

Officer Danscourt, of the Seventeenth Ward, early yesterday morning, found that the oyster saloon, kept by Adam Stork, No. 197 Avenue A, had been broken open. Going inside, he saw a young man, known as George Abrams *alias* Caleb Gunton, rifling the money drawer, and arrested him. Justice Sexton committed the prisoner for trial in default of $2.000 bail.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 26

$10,000 U.S. 6s, '74, Cou	90	200 Erie Railroad	34
2,000 California St. 7s.	88¾	500 do	33⅝
1,000 Missouri St. 6s	69	100 do	s10 33⅝
3,000 do	69⅝	50 do	s10 33⅞
1,000 Brkly'n City W. L.	100⅜	75 Hudson Riv. R.	42
1 000 N.Y. Cen. Bs. '76	101⅜	100 Mich. Cen. R.	48
2,000 M. C. 8 P. c. 1st M.		10 do	48¼
S. Fd. Ct. Bs.	96	100 Chic. & R. Isl. R.	50
2.000 I. C. & Mil. L. G. B.	15	50 do	b30 58⅜
2,000 Han. & St J. R. B.	58	200 M.S. & N.I. G'd'st'k.	37⅜
2,000 Mich. S. & N.Ia.	70¼	50 Panama R.	s30. 116
7 Bank of America	105⅜	38 Ill. Cen. R. Scrip	66
10 Am. Ex. Bank	91	350 do	s10 65
20 Merchants' Bank	98	200 do	65⅛
5 Bk. of Republic	106	12 do	65
5 Bk. of Commerce	96	18 Clev. Col. & Cin. R.	93
15 Pac. Mail St. Co.	82	50 Gal. & Chic. R. opg.	64
20 do	81⅜	50 do opg.	64¼
50 N. Y. Cen. R.	s10 74⅜	400 Clev. & Toledo R.	28
434 do	75	400 do	28⅛
100 do	74⅞	100 do	s5 28¾
100 do	s10 74⅜	10 Chic. Bur'l. & Q. R.	63
50 do	2d 75	75 N. J. Central R.	110
35 Mill. & Miss. R.	9	10 N. J. Railroad	124½

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '74, Cou	95	400 Erie Railroad	34⅛
12,000 Missouri St. 6s	69	100 do	34¼
5,000 Virginia St. 6s	78	50 do	s10 33⅛
2,000 Kentucky St. 6s	100	200 Harl'm Railroad	11¼
4,000 Tenn. St. 6s '90	77	10 Mich. Cen. R.	48⅜
2 000 B. C. Wat. Loan	100½	75 M. S. & N. I. G'd'st'k.	37
2.000 De L. & W. 1 m.	98	150 Ill. Cen. R. Scrip	66
1 000 C. & N. W. 1st M.	78	50 do	66⅛
50 Hudson Riv. R.	43	250 do	s10 66
50 do	b30 43	250 Gal. & Chi R.	p & c 64⅜
15 Am Ex. Bank	91⅜	200 Clev. & Toledo R.	28⅜
65 Pac. Mail Stm Co.	82	100 do	28⅝
100 N. Y. Cen. R.	s30 74	100 do	s15 28⅝
100 do	74⅛	300 do	s3 28⅝
200 do	74⅜	10 Chic. Bur'l & Q. R.	63
7 do	75	50 Ill. & Miss. R.	9
50 do	74⅞	50 Buf. & S. L. R.	b10. 109
50 do	s10 74⅜		

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26—P. M.

The Treasury Department offers to issue any part of $5,000,000 Treasury Bills, in denominations of $50 to $1,000, having one year to run, *to applicants bidding the lowest rate, or rates of interest*, the act of Congress fixing no limit as to the rate for one year. The awards are to be made at the Treasury Office in Washington, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock. The bids should leave here on Thursday afternoon (to-morrow) to be in season. The proceeds of this negotiation will be applied mainly to the January interest on the Funded Debt of the Government, and to the redemption of the principal and interest of the Treasury Bills bearing 6 ℔ cent. interest, issued near the close of last year, and falling due from 28th December to 7th January, in all about $2,000,000 yet unredeemed. The bidders in the present case will be allowed five days in which to deposit the money for the Treasury Bills which may be awarded to them. We repeat that they are left free to fix the rate of interest at which they are willing to lend the money to the Government; the Bills being at all times receivable for Customs and other dues to the Government. No default has occurred on any of the previous issues of the Department, and none will occur, so far as our present information enables us to state the circumstances and prospects of the Department as a borrower. A different impression or suspicion may have gone out from the unfortunate sectional agitation of the country, but by no authority or opinion of the kind from the Executive officers of the Government. Several prominent Brokers here and at Washington defaulted on part of their bids for the Funded Loan awarded on the 22d October, and extended for their accommodation to the 22d December, on the pretext that the Federal Government is dissolved by the action of South Carolina, but other houses, who were equally caught by the depreciation of the Loan, after they had contracted to take it, (this making a *loss*, for the moment, instead of a *profit*.) have utterly refused to assume any such ground, holding it untenable so far as their own credit and obligations as bidders are concerned, and have paid up in full. And so far as the pretext of the dissolution of the Government is involved, they are right.

The Department of the Interior has advertised the missing Bonds taken by one of its own Clerks from the Indian Trust Fund, warning the public against purchasing the Bonds answering to the following numbers, and also against the coupons attached to the same, payable *after* January next As this last clause will afford six months' time for the settlement of the affair, the State authorities of Tennessee, Missouri and North Carolina will not be called upon to pass upon the present warning, if not previously withdrawn, before 1st July next. And then, acting on the precedent of the Federal Government itself, they will, no doubt, pay *all* coupons, as presented by honest, *bona fide* holders, the same being made payable to bearer, and thus, in the language of a late Secretary of the Treasury, acquiring all the currency of a bank-note. In regard to the Bonds themselves, there is also precedent against the reclamation of the principal, where they are found in the hands of a third party, who paid full value, in good faith, for the same, and in ignorance of the loss by robbery or breach of trust, as the case may be. Hon. James Guthrie, while Secretary of the Treasury, wrote as follows to Messrs. Philip Speyer & Co., Bankers in the English and Continental trade, in reply to an application to stop the payment, or reimbursement by purchase, of two of the Coupon Bonds of the Government, which had been lost or stolen from a correspondent in Germany, who has not to this day recovered his property:

"Treasury Department, Nov. 7, 1854.

* * In reply to your inquiry respecting coupon certificates Nos. 1,058 and 1,129 of the same loan, (1848) I have to state that they have not been sent here for redemption. Being payable to bearer, *any person who may have purchased them in good faith, and for a full consideration, is legally entitled to them*, as suggested in my letter of March 9 last. This Department has no power to issue any new certificates in favor of any former holder, or to pay the amount of these unless produced; as either course would increase the debt of the United States to that amount, which can only be done by the express authority of law."

The following is the list of numbers of the Bonds, as advertised by the Interior Department:

Tennessee Six per cent. Bonds for 1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

210	1,278	3 469	4 210	5.195	5,376	5,418	5,5:8
352	1.368	3,47e	4 211	5,326	5,377	5,419	5,519
356	1,344	3,741	4 212	5,359	5 378	5,421	5,540
362	2,110	3 472	4,213	5 360	5 37e	4,426	5,541
413	2,133	3 758	4 2-4	5 361	5,380	5 427	5 522
414	2,581	3.894	4 431	5,362	5 381	5,430	5,703
415	2,605	3 941	4,468	5,3-3	5 385	4 434	5,704
419	2 655	3 942	4 527	5,364	5 386	5,436	5 705
476	2 891	3,943	4,529	5,365	5 387	5,437	5 706
477	2 892	3,944	5 550	5,366	5,388	5,438	5,707
491	2,938	3 945	4 566	5 367	5,389	5 439	5 708
498	3,018	3,946	4.569	5,368	5,390	5 440	5,709
723	3,066	3 985	4 570	5 370	5 391	5,441	5 710
828	3,121	4,189	4.571	5,371	5,392	5 442	5,712
829	3,464	4,208	4,749	5 372	5 393	5,443	5 713
830	3,465	4 207	4 751	5 373	5,415	5 444	5 754
874	3 466	4 208	4,881	5 374	5 416	5,445	5 839
1,001	3,467	4,209	5,066	5,375	5,417	5,452	—

Six Per Cent. State of Missouri, St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Bonds, for $1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

1.80s	1,819	1,830	1,8 6	1 887	1,9-5	2,006	2,017	2,039
1,8-9	1,820	1,831	1,877	1 888	1,996	2 007	2,018	2 040
1,8-0	1,821	1,852	1,878	1,889	1 997	2,008	2,029	2 041
1 8-1	1,822	1 858	1 879	1,890	1,998	2,009	2,031	2,042
1,812	1 823	1 869	1,880	1,891	1 999	2,010	2 011	2,044
1 813	1 824	1,870	1,881	1,892	2,000	2,011	2,032	2 044
1,814	1,825	1 871	1,882	1 990	2,001	2,012	2,033	2 045
1,8-5	1,826	1,872	1,883	1,991	2,002	2,0-3	2 034	2,046
1,816	1,827	1 873	1 884	1 992	2,003	2,014	2,035	2, 47
1,8-7	1,828	1,874	1,885	1 993	2,004	2,015	2 036	2,048
1,818	1,8-9	1,875	1,886	1,994	2,005	2 016	2 038	—

Six Per Cent. Stock State of Missouri—North Missouri Railroad State Bonds, for $1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

2,710	2,717	2 724	2,731	2,765	2,771	2,777	2,783
2 711	2,718	2,725	2 732	2,766	2,772	2,778	2,784
2, 12	2 719	2,726	2,733	2,767	2,773	2,779	2,785
2,713	2,720	2,727	2,734	2,768	2,774	2,780	2,786
2 7 4	2,721	2,728	2,763	2,769	2,775	2 781	2,787
2 715	2,722	2,7-9	2,764	2 770	2,776	2,782	—
2,716	2,723	2 730	—	—	—	—	—

State of Missouri, Hannib l and St. Joseph Railroad Bonds, Six Per Cent, for $1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

1 611	1,623	1,635	1 646	1,872	1,833	1 844	1,855
1 612	1 624	1,636	1,647	1 823	1 834	1,845	1,856
1,813	1 625	1,637	1,648	1,824	1,835	1,846	1,857
1,614	1,626	1 638	1,649	1,825	1,836	1,847	1,858
1,615	1 627	1 639	1 650	1,826	1,837	1,838	1,859
1 616	1,628	1,640	1,816	1,827	1 838	1,849	1,860
1,617	1,629	1,641	1,817	1,828	1 839	1,850	1,861
1,618	1,630,	1 642	1 818	1 829	1 840	1,851	1,862
1 619	1 631	1 643	1 819	1 830	1,841	1,852	1,863
1 620	1 632	1 644	1,820	1,831	1,842	1 853	1,864
1,621	1,633	1 645	1,821	1,832	1 843	1,851	1,865
1,622	1,634	—	—	—	—	—	—

State of Missouri Six Per Cent. North Missouri Railroad State Bonds, for $1 000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

1,638	1,648	1,705	2 450	2,512	2,915	2 936	2,946
1,639	1,6-9	1,706	2,460	2 513	2 916	2,937	2,947
1,640	1,650	1,707	2 461	2,514	2,917	2,938	2 948
1 641	1,651	2,462	2,462	2,515	2,9-8	2 939	2,949
1,642	1,652	2,453	2,463	2 516	2,9-9	2 940	2,950
1,643	1 653	2,454	2 464	2,913	2,920	2,941	2,951
1,644	1,654	2 455	2,465	2,911	2,921	2 942	2,952
1,645	1 655	2 456	2 466	2 912	2,922	2 943	2,953
1,646	1 656	2 457	2 467	2,913	2,923	2,9-4	2,954
1,647	1,657	2,458	2 468	2,914	2,924	2 945	—

Missouri Six Per Cent. Pacific Railroad Bonds for $1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

4,876	4.500	5,231	5,238	5,244	5,251	5 257	5,306
4,888	5,195	5,232	5 239	5 246	5,252	5 258	5,307
4 889	5,196	5,233	5 240	5,247	5,253	5,259	5,308
4 890	5,197	5,234	5 241	5,248	5,254	5,760	5 3-9
4 997	5,198	5 235	5 242	5,249	5,255	5 260	5,310
4,898	5,199	5 236	5,243	5,250	5,256	5,272	—
4,8-9	5,200	5,237	—	—	—	—	—

North Carolina Six Per Cent. Bonds of $1,000 *each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.*

6	236	423	491	560	647	807	849
7	237	425	492	562	648	811	850
8	238	426	483	599	649	812	851
9	239	427	494	600	650	813	852
10	286	429	495	601	651	814	853
11	297	430	496	602	652	815	854
13	300	431	497	603	731	816	855
15	301	433	498	604	732	817	856
16	302	436	510	605	733	818	857
17	303	437	511	606	734	819	858
18	316	439	512	607	735	820	860
19	317	440	513	608	736	821	861
20	318	442	514	609	754	822	862
21	326	455	515	610	759	823	863
22	327	457	516	611	760	824	864
23	328	458	517	612	761	825	865
28	329	470	518	613	762	826	866
32	330	472	529	614	763	827	867
33	331	473	530	615	764	828	868
35	332	474	531	6.6	780	829	869
60	333	476	534	617	791	830	870
62	334	476	533	618	792	831	871
94	335	477	534	619	793	832	872
95	336	478	535	621	794	833	873
96	337	479	536	622	795	834	874
97	338	480	537	623	796	836	875
98	339	481	538	624	797	836	876
99	340	482	539	625	798	837	877
100	341	483	540	6 6	799	838	878
101	342	484	541	627	800	839	879
102	343	485	542	628	801	840	880
103	346	486	543	641	802	813	881
104	347	487	544	642	803	842	882
166	348	488	545	643	804	845	883
203	349	489	546	644	805	846	884
234	421	490	547	645	806	847	885
235	422	—	548	646	808	848	926

And also 61,000 of 6 @ cent. bonds of the State of North Carolina, interest payable in April and October, which were also abstracted from the Department, the numbers of which will be given to the public as soon as a list of the same can be prepared.

It is suggested, to-day, that the present warning is published rather with a view to ascertain and arrest the course of their use or negotiation by Russell, Majors & Co., than from any expectation that the Government will be able to reclaim or hold the Bonds as against third or innocent holders. At the same time, it is proper to say, that the common law is construed by most legal gentlemen to cover this case in favor of the Government, if an out and out *robbery*, and not a mere breach of trust of conversion by a clerk or agent having the property in custody, is established. Judge Davies, of the Supreme Court of this State has given the following decision in the opposite direction, though the case is not in all respects similar:

Finnegan vs. *Lee and others.*—This case grew out of certain transactions connected with the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company. The plaintiff deposited with that institution certain railroad bonds, as collateral security for loans made, but before the bonds became due, the Trust Company used the bonds, and a portion of them passed into the hands of Lee, who claims that he took them without notice. The opinion of the Justice gives all the facts necessary to be understood in the case.

Davies, J.—It is clear to my mind, on examination of the pleadings in this case, that the injunction cannot stand. * * * * * *

I had always supposed that since the decision of the Court of Errors of this State, in the case of Delafield *vs.* The State of Illinois, it was the well-se tled law of this State that such securities being negotiable they were rendered valid in the hands of a *bona fide* holder. In that case Bronson, Ju tice, in delivering the opinion of the Court, which was nearly unanimously concurred in, says: "The bonds are negotiable instruments, the title to which will pass by their delivery, and, although void in the hands of the appellant, they will be valid securities in the hands of a *bona fide* holder." (2 Hill Rep., p. 177.) The same principle has been reaffirmed by the Court of Appeals in this State, at the March Term, 1859, in the case of The Bank of Rome *vs.* The Village of Rome. (19 New-York Rep., p. 20.) The Court, in giving its opinion, refers to the case of Delafield *vs.* The State of Illinois, with approbation, as settling the rule of law. It must, therefore, be regarded as the law of this State.

The same rule has been laid down in the New-Jersey Court of Appeals in the case of the Morris Canal and Banking Company *vs.* Fisher. (3 Am. Law Register, p. 423.) The books are full of cases holding a similar doctrine, and certainly in this State there can be no controversy that such is the law.

The motion to dissolve the injunction as to the defendant Lee, is granted with costs, and the understanding given on issuing the injunction is ordered to be delivered to him for prosecution that he may recover such damages as he has sustained by the issuing of the injunction.

Respecting the interest or complicity of the Bank of the Republic in this City with the negotiations between Russell, Majors & Co. and the Government or its clerk, Bailey, at Washington, the Cashier has addressed the following note to the New-York Press:

The statement in some of the newspapers that this Bank held the bonds abstracted from a department of the Government at Washington, has no foundation whatever in truth. The bonds are not now, and *never have been*, in the possession of this Bank, so far as the knowledge of any of its officers extends. Neither Russell, Majors & Waddell, nor any member of the firm, owe one dollar to the Bank, nor do we, *directly* or *indirectly*, hold a solitary acceptance of J. B. Floyd, Secretary of War.

R. H. LOWRY, Cashier.

Bank of the Republic, Dec. 26, 1860.

The market for Money is rendered still easier than on the last improved report of Monday, by the receipt of $1,800,000 in Gold by the *Fulton* from Europe, and the *Ariel* from California, which arrived yesterday and delivered to-day. We learn of some very prime short acceptances at 9@10 ℔ cent., and quote double-name choice bills, 90 days to 6 months, 10@12 ℔ cent. Money at call is in free supply at 6@7 ℔ cent., and not much doing in this way with the Stock Brokers, owing to the holiday dullness of the Stock Exchange. The next packet for Europe sails on Saturday. The rates of Exchange, in anticipation of this mail, are scarcely discussed yet, though the disposition seems to be rather in the direction of firmness. We quote Bank and Bankers on London 104@105 ℔ cent.

This has been one of the very dullest days of the season in the Stock market. The speculation of the Street appeared, at one time early in the day, to have died out with the Christmas recess, prices varying but slightly from the last sale of Monday, and the amount of business done unusually light. At the afternoon Board, there was rather more disposition to operate, and some of the *Short* sellers offered lower contracts in New-York Central and other roads, 15@30 days ahead. The cash sales were about the same on the Share list as at the early session, and State Securities in continued fair demand at an advance on Monday's closing bids. The advertised Bonds of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina are not, for the present, a good delivery between the Brokers, because of the public warning, and this circumstance tends, of course, to make the unexceptional numbers scarce on the Street. The hope is indulged that the Government will soon be able to so far settle the affair, with the War Department and Russell & Co., (both being implicated, if not in the abstraction of the Bonds from the Indian Trust, at least in the evidences of debt substituted,) as to enable the public to deal in all these Securities, without reference to the numbers. The indirect agency of the officials of the Government, it is generally believed, will seriously prejudice, if not defeat, any legal attempt which may be made by the United States to recover the Bonds where they have been passed to third parties, *bona fide*, and for full consideration. At the close of business, the general market was firm, after the foreign telegraphic dispatch from the *Canada*, the following being the latest in the speculative Shares:

Central	78	Illinois Central	67⅜
Erie	35	Missouris	69
Galena	64⅞	Tennessees	77
Toledo	28⅞		

COTTON CROP MOVEMENT—LATEST SEPT. 1.

	Receipts. Past week.	Since Sept. 1.	Exports per past week. To Gt. Brit.	To Fr.	Oth. F. P.
1860-61	107,000	1,568,000	75,000	26,000	12,000
1859-60	180,000	1,944,000	69,000	15,000	5,000
1858-9	140,000	1 6 3,000	43,000	19,000	26,000
1857-8	117,000	949,000	18,000	22,000	17,000
1856-7	134,000	1,378,000	45,000	11,000	22,000
1855-6	137,000	1,389,000	32,000	12,000	11,000

	Exports since Sept. 1. To Gt. Brit.	To France.	Oth. F. P.	Total.	Stock.
1860-61	588,000	1-5,000	87,000	839,000	639,000
1859-60	731,000	178,000	82,000	991,000	884,000
1858-9	478,000	228,000	113,000	819,000	740,000
1857-8	301,000	102,000	77,000	490,000	477,000
1856-7	292,000	127,000	87,000	496,000	650,000
1855-6	447,000	168,000	119,000	734,000	584,000

The Circular of Messrs. Neill Brothers, of this week, remarks:

"The falling off in receipts has become the chief point of interest in the crop question, and by telegraph already exceeds 500,000 bales. The present rate of deliveries cannot be regarded as a criterion to the extent of the crop; for the receipts of the past month would indicate a result of less than three million bales if compared with the same month in former years. But it shows how seriously the movement of the crop has been interrupted by low prices and political agitation, and while either of these causes continue to operate, it is impossible to foresee the ultimate result on the crop. All estimates for the present have, therefore, been abandoned. The advance in prices this week will, if supported, probably draw Cotton more freely to the ports; but, whatever the solution of the political difficulty, it is feared that the movement of much Cotton will be retarded until planters are fully occupied in preparing for another crop, and thus practically reduce the extent of the present one.

The firmness shown at Liverpool under the dull advices from this side, have created general surprise and imparted a buoyant feeling to all our markets. The arrival of Specie from England without an advance in the Bank rate there has produced a good effect financially. Sterling Exchange has improved at the South, and time drafts on New-York have again become negotiable. These causes, together with the large deficiency in receipts, have stimulated business and caused buyers to act with confidence, resulting in an advance of ½c. to ¾c. at the Gulf markets. The future course of prices is mainly dependent upon Liverpool and the issue of our political question, of which there is little prospect of an amicable settlement at present."

The State of Indiana has deposited the money with Winslow, Lanier & Co. to pay the interest on her debt due 1st January next.

The Illinois Central earned as follows for the third week week in December, the gain being on the deliveries at Cairo:

1860	$54.054 55
1859	48,371 95
Increase	$5,682 5s

The following are Thompson & Brothers' closing quotations for Currency and Exchange to-day:

	Discount.
New-York, New-England and E. Jersey	½@—
West Jersey and Philadelphia	1⅛@ 2⅛
Baltimore, int. Penn. and Maryland	2 @ 3
Ohio and Indiana	1⅛@ 2
South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama	8 @10
North Carolina and Virginia	7 @ 8
Tennessee	8 @—
Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Iowa	10 @11
Free Indiana	5 @—
Louisiana	1⅛@ 2
Mobile	3 @ 4
Canada and Michigan	1⅛@ 2
Drafts and Checks on Philadelphia	1⅛@.
Drafts and Checks on Baltimore	2 @
Drafts and Checks on Boston	⅛@—
Drafts and Checks on Chicago	10⅛@—
Drafts and Checks on St. Louis	10 @—
Drafts and Checks on Detroit	2⅛@—
Drafts and Checks on New-Orleans	1⅛@—
Drafts and Checks on Cincinnati	1⅛@—

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1860—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of produce, since our last, have been: 59 pkgs. Ashes, 5,157 bbls. Flour, 838 bushels Barley, 3 665 bushels Oats, 1,800 bushels Malt, 1,578 pkgs. Provisions, and 55 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue in demand at $4 75 for Pots, and $4 87½@$5 for Pearls, ℔ 100 lbs.

COTTON—Is inquired for, including Middling Upland at 11c.; do. Gulfs at 11¾c. ℔ lb.

FLOUR AND MEAL—A fair demand prevails, today, for low and medium brands of State and Western Flour at a shade firmer prices. Sales have been reported of 13,850 bbls., including superfine State at $5 (5@$5 15; ordinary to choice extra State at $5 25@$5 45; superfine Western at $5@$5 15; extra Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois at $5 30@$6 20; extra Indiana and Michigan at $5 40@$6 30; inferior extra Ohio at $5 20@$6 40; round-hoop extra Ohio, shipping brands, at $5 45@$5 60 ℔ bbl.

Superfine State	$5 00	@$5 15
Extra State	5 25	@ 5 45
Superfine Western	5 00	@ 5 15
Extra Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois	5 30	@ 6 20
Extra Indiana and Michigan	5 40	@ 6 30
Inferior Extra Ohio	5 20	@ 5 40
Extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping bd.	5 45	@ 5 60
Extra Ohio, trade brands	5 65	@ 7 00
Fancy Genesee	5 45	@ 5 55
Extra Genesee	5 60	@ 7 00
Inferior to choice Extra Missouri	5 55	@ 7 00

Southern Flour is in request, at rising prices Sales since our last, of 2,400 obls., in lots, at $5 25@$5 50 for very poor to good superfine Alexandria, Baltimore, &c., and $5 55@$7 25 for fancy to choice extra brands, ℔ bbl. Canadian is salable and buoyant, including inferior to very choice extra at $5 45@$7 ℔ bbl.; sales 450 bbls. Rye Flour is inquired for, at $3 25@$4 10 for fine and superfine. ℔ bbl. Corn Meal attracts more attention, at $3 12½@$3 15 for Jersey and $3 45@3 50 for Brandywine, ℔ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in good request, and prices have advanced a shade. We have heard of sales of 76,000 bushels, including Canada Club on private terms; White Western at $1 38@$1 40, Red do, at $1 32@$1 33; Amber and Wisconsin, on private terms; Milwaukee Club, part $1 25; Northwestern Club at $1 20@$1 21; and No 1 Chicago Spring, part choice, at $1 20 ℔ bush. Corn has been in moderate demand at higher rates. Sales 41 000 bushels at 68c.@70c for mixed Western in store and afloat, ℔ bushel. Rye continues quiet at 70c. ℔ bushel. Barley has not varied. Oats are in request, including Canada at 37c.@37½c.; Western at 36½c.@37½c., and State at 37½c.@38c. ℔ bushel.

HOPS—Now continue quiet, at from 25c.@32c ℔ lb.

HAY—Sales of 450 bales have been made at 80c.@85c. ℔ 100 lbs.

METALS—Have been very dull to-day, at unchanged prices.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been quiet, sales having been confined to small lots, at $15 87½@$16 for New Mess; $15 37½@$15 50 for Old Mess; $11 75@$12 for New Prime; $10 25@$10 50 for Old Prime, ℔ bbl. Sales, 750 bbls. Nothing really new in Cut Meats or Bacon. Lard continues in request at uniform rates. Sales, 275 tcs. and bbls., in lots, at 9¼c.@10¼c. ℔ lb. Beef is very quiet. The reported sales do not exceed 80 bbls., in lots, at $9 25@$10 for repacked Western Mess, $10 50@$11 for extra Western Mess; $5@$5 50 for Country Mess, ℔ bbl; Prime Mess, $15@$17 ℔ tc. Beef Hams $11 50@$14 ℔ bbl. Butter continues quiet, at 15c.@20c for State, and 10c.@15c. for Western, ℔ lb. Cheese is inactive at 9c.@11c. ℔ lb.

RICE—Sales 125 tcs., in lots, at $3 25@$4 ℔ 100 lbs.

SUGARS—The sales since our last have been light, comprising about 200 hhds., mainly Cuba, at 5c @5¾c. ℔ lb.

WHISKY—Sales, 470 bbls., at 18¼c.@18½c. ℔ gallon.

FREIGHTS—Moderate engagements have been reported, to-day, at, however, somewhat lower rates For Liverpool—Flour, 3s.@3s. 3d. ℔ bbl.; Wheat, in bulk and ship's bags, 9½@10d; Corn, 8¾d.@9¼d. ℔ bushel; Cotton, 7-16d.@11-32d. ℔ lb.; Rosin, 3s. ℔ 310 lbs. For Glasgow—Flour, 3s. 3d.@3s. 6d. ℔ bbl.; Grain, 11d.@12½d. ℔ bushel; Resin 3s. 3d ℔ bbl. For London—Flour, 3s. 6d.@3s. 9d. ℔ bbl.; Grain, 11¾d. @12¾d. ℔ bushel. The latest charters, according to the *Shipping List*, have been: A bark, 463 tons, to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, Lumber, at $20; a Tern, schooner, from Savannah to Aspinwall, Timber, $14; a bark, 330 tons, to Havana, $1.700; a schooner, 250 tons, same voyage, $1,100; a brig, 190 tons, to Nuevitas and back, Sugar 39c., Melado 36c, and Molasses 82, on deck; a schooner, 292 tons, and a brig, 300 tons, from Elizabethport to Aspinwall, Coal, $4 50.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Our dispatches from Washington this morning are important. The two Select Committees on the State of the Union held meetings yesterday, and the results arrived at in the House Committee will probably have an important bearing on the questions at issue between the two sections of the country. An "Enabling Act" for the Territory of New-Mexico was proposed by Mr. ADAMS, of Massachusetts, and will be adopted, which allows, by express provision, the establishment of the institution of Slavery, provided the people desire it. In the Senate Committee no conclusions were arrived at. An inquiry was made of the Southern members as to whether Mr. TOOMBS' proposition, that the Constitution should recognize the right of property in man, was to be considered as the Southern *ultimatum*, but a satisfactory answer could not be obtained. The Commissioners from South Carolina have arrived in Washington, and taken private quarters. It is expected that they will communicate with the President to-day, either verbally or in writing, when a message will be sent to Congress, giving the purport of the communication, whatever it may be. The trouble at the Alleghany Arsenal at Pittsburgh, it is understood, is giving the Administration a great deal of uneasiness, and messengers have been sent there, to see what can be done to prevail upon the people to allow the guns to be forwarded to their destination without molestation.

The proceedings in open session of the South Carolina "Sovereign" Convention were somewhat interesting yesterday. A resolution was offered requesting the Governor to communicate to the Convention all the information in his possession relative to the condition of the fortifications in the harbor of Charleston. It was laid on the table for consideration in secret session. A resolution was offered—what disposition was made of it is not stated—that all citizens of the United States living in the State of South Carolina when the ordinance of secession was adopted, be declared citizens of that State. The gentleman who offered the resolution gave assurances that he did not contemplate making *involuntary* citizens of those who happened to be residing in the State at the time referred to. An attempt was made to adjourn over until the 18th of January, or subject to the call of the President, but it failed. Mr RHETT offered an ordinance providing for the holding of a Convention of the Slaveholding States, to form a Southern Confederation and frame a Constitution for its government, which he desired to have laid on the table without reading. It was decided, however, that this could not be done, as it would be against parliamentary usages, and it was accordingly read. It provides for a Convention to be held at Montgomery, to be attended by delegates from all seceding States, and recommends the adoption of the Constitution of the United States as a suitable basis on which to form the proposed new Government. The Convention then went into secret session and adopted an ordinance on the subject of Commercial Facilities.

The late heavy defalcation in Washington has been brought to the attention of the United States Circuit Court for this District, through an application for an injunction against the Bank of the Republic to compel the delivery of a large amount of the abstracted bonds, which have been hypothecated by that institution. An acknowledgment given by RUSSELL, MAJORS & WADDELL was put in evidence, by which it was shown that they have received from GODARD BAILEY at various times since the 12th of July last, $370 000 in Missouri Sixes, $367,000 in North Carolina Sixes, and $145,000 in Tennessee Sixes,—in all amounting to $870,000—as collateral security for the return of which they deposited with BAILEY the acceptances of Secretary FLOYD to the full amount. The injunction was granted. Meantime RUSSELL still remains in prison at Washington, in default of the $500,000 bail, though it is thought he may be released on a writ of *habeas corpus* to-day. BAILEY is also now in prison, his bail having yesterday surrendered him to the authorities. Our Washington dispatches give some further interesting particulars in reference to the defalcation.

Mexican affairs have taken another turn. By the arrival of the steamship *Tennessee* at New-Orleans we learn that MIRAMON had "surprised" the Liberals at Tortuca, and made twelve hundred of them prisoners, including GENS. DEGOLLADO, BERNOZABAL and TRENIO, besides capturing twelve pieces of cannon. The date of the transaction is not given.

By the arrival of the *Anglo-Saxon* at Portland, from Liverpool on the 13th and Londonderry on the 14th, and of the *Canada* at Halifax, from Liverpool on the 15th and Queenstown on the 16th, we have advices from Europe four days later. The most important news by this arrival is the announcement of the conclusion of a treaty of peace between the Allies and the Chinese. The treaty was made on the 26th of October, and the ratifications were exchanged on the 5th of November. The Allied forces had evacuated Pekin, and the Emperor was expected to return immediately. A report was current just before the sailing of the *Canada* that GARIBALDI had been assassinated, but it proved to be untrue. The report grew out of an attempt to assassinate him by Col DUNN, of the Sicilian army, in which the latter was wounded. The American ship *Georgiana* had been burnt at sea, and the crew had arrived at Liverpool on board the *Levi Woodbury*. The *Canada* has on board £190,000 in specie.

The Board of Education last evening voted to close the Public Schools on the 4th of January, the day appointed for the National fast. The report of the Finance Committee shows the expenses of the Public Schools for the past year to have been $1,261,619 97, being an excess of $13,950 71 over the appropriation.

At the meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration a resolution was adopted to refer to the President and Counsel of the Board the business of drafting a bill to be presented to the Legislature for the sale of the old Quarantine property. 1,330 emigrants have arrived since last report, making a total of 103 455 since the beginning of the year; balance on hand in bank, $7,448 76.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, several persons convicted of murder were sentenced to State Prison for life. SAMUEL KEMMEL-TYER, for receiving stolen goods, was sent to Sing Sing for two years. Several other prisoners were sentenced. ISAIAH SELOVER was arraigned on an indictment for ticket-swindling, and pleaded "Not Guilty;" and the Court then adjourned *sine die*.

At Special Term of the Superior Court, before Justice HOFFMAN, an application was made for an injunction to restrain a party from the use of the sign for a saloon, of "Live and Let Live," the plaintiff, who is a brother of JOHN N. GENIN, averring that he had used the sign at No. 214 Broadway for about fourteen years. The defendant's place, where he erected the sign recently, is next door—No. 216. Decision was reserved. At Special Term of the Supreme Court, before Justice BONNEY, an important opinion was rendered touching the liability of lessees for assessments on property leased. The opinion is in the case of the Rector, &c., of Trinity Church against ISRAEL COOK, concerning property in Reade-street.

The Stock Market was dull yesterday, after the Christmas holiday, and only a light business was accomplished. At the close prices were somewhat firmer than on Monday afternoon. State Securities advanced about 1 per cent; the Bonds taken from the Indian Trust being excluded as good deliveries between the Brokers. Money easier. Exchange rather firm, 104@106.

The General Markets were active only for Breadstuffs, prices of which were advancing. Shippers were more inclined to buy, as rates on freight to the principal ports of Great Britain were lower. Business in Cotton, Groceries, Naval Stores, Provisions, Hops, Oils, Tallow, Fish, Fruit, Hides and Leather, was restricted. A moderate inquiry prevailed for Hay and Whisky. There were 460 vessels of all classes in port.

The Live Stock Markets have been very moderately supplied this week, the total receipts of all kinds for the week ending yesterday, at the various City yards, numbered only 2,754 beef cattle, 86 milch cows, 298 veal calves, 9,307 sheep and lambs, 12,511 live hogs. This is but about half the average weekly supply of cattle, cows and calves. The large supply of poultry and dead meats, however, so far diminished the demand that prices varied but little from the previous market. Our Cattle Market report this week presents some interesting statistics, in the tables carefully prepared for the TIMES, showing the weekly and the total receipts of various kinds of animals. From these tables it appears that, during the year 1860, there have been brought to the New-York City market 226,747 beef cattle, or a weekly average of 4,360. The average price of all the cattle sold during the year is 8¼c ₩ lb., for the estimated dressed weight. This is an excess of 21,351 head on last year, and a weekly average of 411 greater. The average price last year was 8¼c., which differs but half a mill ₩ lb. from the average this year.

Southern Trade—Its Amount and Comparative Value.

The South pays but once a year, because Southern industry produces, annually, but one crop and one staple. When this is sold, the proceeds, so far as they will go, pay off debts contracted 12, 18 and 24 months previous. A New-York merchant in the Southern dry goods trade regularly draws his notes for his sales on 12 months—virtually upon the next crop—the proceeds of the past having all gone to pay debts previously contracted.

The ability of the South to pay, consequently, rests upon the contingencies of the future. If the coming crop happens to be good, and other things favor, they pay. If not, the debts lie over as a matter of course. This the merchant perfectly understands. It is impliedly a part of the contract. If any political crisis, like the present should happen, or an epidemic prevail, or any other event reducing the value of the staple, delaying its prompt transmission to market, or interfering with the regular routine of commerce, the 12 months' note must be renewed for 6 or 12 months more, making the whole period of credit 18 or 24, or till the triple contingencies of a good crop, good prices, and good times concur.

Such is the law, or rule, of Southern trade. We had a good illustration of what it is in the recent failure of a great Southern house. It commenced with abundant means. It stood deservedly high both at home and throughout the South. But it put its capital into Southern credits, upon 12 and 24 months. Its debtors did not pay. Renewals were a matter of course, and it was not long before the house found itself completely wound up. It could make no collections, and it could no longer carry its own debts. Suspension and liquidation were matters of necessity. There was no suggestion of unbusiness-like conduct, or want of commercial integrity, or of inadequate means.

Now, there is not a Bank President in the City of New-York that would not emphatically declare that a business done on twelve months' credit must be a losing one. Were a bank to give such credit as a matter of course, it could not live six months. The reason is obvious. A person in trade can never tell what will be his means twelve months ahead. The unknown elements in the calculation: climate, accidents of all kinds, contingency of life, the continuance of personal faculty or integrity, the demand and price for the fabrics with which he expects to pay his debts, can never be truly estimated. Banks, consequently, exact short reckonings, as the means of avoiding such risks, which increase in number and gravity in geometrical ratio to the lapse of time. It has consequently become a rule with successful lenders or merchants, to reduce their loans within such limits, as to time, as will enable all the contingencies likely to occur to be carefully weighed.

If a twelve months' credit is a losing one, for the reasons stated, then the Southern trade must, on the whole, be a losing one. As far as textile fabrics are concerned, we are convinced that such is the opinion of every merchant in the City who has gone through it. Money, no doubt, has been made by some houses, but not so much as has been lost by others. It cannot be otherwise. Things may appear to go on very well for two or three years, when a crisis occurs like that of the present year, or a short crop, or a prevailing epidemic, that sweeps away the profits of twice as many. The profits we see; the losses we do not. If a regular account could be kept, the balance would be found on the losing side.

In the Northern States the crops with which the people pay their debts are every day maturing and going to market; consequently, debts can be paid as easily in one month as in another. Take for illustration the County of Oneida, in this State. Its farmers every month in the year have something appropriate for the market. At one time it is butter and cheese; at another, fruit; at another, wheat, corn and potatoes; at another, fat cattle, etc., etc. If a thrifty farmer, deserving credit, wishes to contract a debt, he can confidently calculate on having something he can turn off from his farm within three months, with which to meet his contract. Consequently neither he nor his creditor runs any risk. If the same person should get a twelvemonths' credit, it would, very likely, either seriously embarass him, or prove his ruin, as he would in the distance, lose sight of his obligation, and would be wasting his means, or using them for other purposes, instead of carefully husbanding anything for pay-day.

All Southern trade, consequently, has a vicious element in it, which takes off the profit, if it does not render it a losing business altogether. It cannot be otherwise. As already stated, there is not a Bank President in this City that will not pronounce a business done on a twelve months' credit to involve inevitable failure. If so, then the loss of Southern trade is not such a terrible affair after all. Its importance has been swelled to an inordinate magnitude by dint of puffing and blowing by its friends, and parties interested, and by an inadequate notion as to the magnitude and value of our trade at home. We have it from the best authority, that so far as textile fabrics of all kinds are concerned, the proportion of Southern trade to that of the whole country is not over five, or to take the outside figure, over seven and one-half per cent. If the whole should be rubbed out, the figures last named would cover the utmost extent of reduction of the general volume of business, while the transaction, even of this small fraction, is attended with absolute loss!

It is the very falseness of the principle on which Southern trade is based that gives it its factitious importance. The trade of the counties of Oneida and Onondaga is more valuable to the City of New-York than that of some of the Southern States. Yet hardly a person in our community not actually engaged in it, is conscious of its existence, so noiselessly and quietly is it carried on. But suppose 500 persons in this City to be at work on clothing for the Southern trade. This is sold on twelve months. The time for payment comes round, but the Southern trader cannot pay. A loss of crop or some other event has happened. The manufacturer stops; turns his hands adrift, upon public charity, perhaps. What a shriek rises, not only from the poor persons turned out of employment, but from all the Press, which magnifies the importance and value of this Southern trade, simply because it is an unprofitable and unnatural one, and rains down imprecations on all who, by political ideas, or otherwise, are supposed to interfere with, or disturb it. If this trade had been carried on on a three months' credit, a proper relation would always have been maintained between supply and demand. The manufacturer would have early notice of how much the market would take. There would be short reckonings, and ample means of estimating the number of hands that could be steadily employed. But as it is, the market is glutted long before the manufacturer can be aware of the fact, which he only learns once in twelve months, from the inability of his customers to pay.

We hear nothing of the trade between Massachusetts and New-York, which greatly exceeds that between New-York and all the Southern ports together, for the reason that it is uniform, natural and healthy, and never has to send for a physician. The amount of products daily brought out of Massachusetts is very nearly uniform in quantity the year round. Its people can pay one day as well as another. They produce every day alike. All our trouble comes from another quarter, where the laws of successful trade are uniformly violated. The loss of such a trade is not much to be mourned; nor would the entire disappearance of an equal volume be greatly felt, though carried on between our City and Connecticut or New-Jersey.

The Cuban Slave-Trade.

The Havana *Diario de la Marina* is at great pains to deny the statements of the Cuban correspondent of the TIMES in regard to the number of slave-cargoes landed on the island. The denial, it may be remarked, applies not to the absolute existence of the traffic, but to the extent of its prosecution. It admits that slaves are landed, but denies that the number of landings reported is authentic; and for actual delinquencies it has the audacity to hold the Government of which it is the organ entirely guiltless, asserting that England and the United States having undertaken to suppress the traffic, any cases of successful evasion must be charged to the negligence of those two Powers.

So far as the reliability of our own correspondent is concerned, it is sufficient to say we have every intrinsic reason to confide in it, especially as very few of his reports fail of confirmation from subsequent and quite independent sources. Nor is it at all surprising that facts should thus be known to the ordinary public, which the insular Government and its organ entirely ignore. The favor and encouragement the trade receives from the authorities is that worst feature of the business at which complaint has been so long but so vainly directed. For each negro safely landed, it is notorious that a doubloon drops into the pocket of the Captain-General. It is also a matter of easy observation, that the most flagrant and well-ascertained enterprizes, whereof the particulars are in the mouths of all men, are never mentioned in the *Diario*—a circumstance authorizing a doubt as to the propriety of hesitating in receiving new cases, until they shall have been authenticated by that official paper. We feel quite justified, therefore, in continuing to receive our own reports as correct; or, in other terms, in believing, that notwithstanding all the additional cost and assiduity of Great Britain and America in the repression of the traffic, it continues to flourish in Cuba with undiminished vigor.

And what may be regarded as the least satisfactory aspect of the subject, is the fact that the island government thus enriches itself corruptly by fomenting a commerce, which Powers on amicable terms with the Court of Madrid, are expending annual millions to suppress; and which Spain, by repeated treaties has engaged to aid in suppressing. There is no doubt whatever of the ability of the Spanish Government to put an end to the trade. Were the Crown officials of Cuba as interested in the discouragement of the business as they are in its profits, it would be wholly impossible for a cargo to be landed. To introduce a thousand negroes into any one quarter of the Island, without the fact of the disembarkation being or becoming known, and of the new comers being pursued and seized, if the authorities are so disposed, is so obviously impracticable as to render the assertion merely ridiculous. It has always been within the power of the Government to defeat and punish the traders: there is no instance of its having done so. In this fact lies a powerful argument for a change in our present system. Cuba and Porto Rico being the only active markets for Africans, Spain should be compelled to close that market or relinquish possession. Treaties without penalties are of little force. The new Convention to which the anti-Slave-trade Governments should enforce the adhesion of Spain, might very properly contain a penal clause, conditioned upon the failure of that Power to comply absolutely with its engagements. If, for instance, the case of an actual landing of slaves, established with amplitude of evidence, were made a ground for transferring the Government of the islands from Spanish Viceroys to a mixed commission delegated by the contracting States; or, if the penalty were merely to be the withdrawal of all opposition on the part of those States to the seizure of the Islands by the United States, or by fillibustering enterprises originating in this country; a check, it is more than probable, would be put to the trade, and the expensive vigilance of our cruisers might be dispensed with. The matter deserves careful revision; and the *Diario* may rest assured that the popular sentiment of this Union inclines strongly towards the substitution of forcible measures to the cure of Spanish duplicity and foul dealing for the present costly and insufficient system.

Conflicting Authorities on the Slave-Trade.

It is not many weeks since the moral sense of the community was startled by the formal enunciation of an opinion on the part of Judge ROOSEVELT, acting as prosecuting officer of the United States for this district, to the effect that public sentiment had recently undergone a change of view in regard to the Slave-trade, no longer regarding the purchase of negroes in Africa and their transit across the seas to Cuban, Brazilian or American markets, as a crime amounting to piracy. It was further stated by the eccentric prosecuting officer, that President BUCHANAN so completely shares this change of sentiment, whereby a felony of the gravest nature is sought to be reduced to the level of a mere commercial peccadillo, that under no possible circumstances would the National Executive permit a conviction for this offence in the first degree, to be followed by the punishment prescribed by those laws which the President, something less than four short years ago, made oath to support and execute.

So wholly did these volunteer declarations in favor of the Slave-trade shock and surprise the community whose opinions they professed to reflect, that many citizens regarded the report of Judge ROOSEVELT's speech as a mere typographical error, by which the opening address of the counsel for the defence had been placed in the mouth of the counsel officially enlisted on behalf of the prosecution. For a lawyer of lax conscience, endeavoring to save clients who were on trial for participation in the Slave-trade, such assertions would have been completely pertinent and in place;—but as being put forth by the Prosecuting Officer of the United States, who is bound by his official oath, and remunerated by his official salary for the express purpose of bringing to justice all who trespass against the laws of the Union, there was something painfully astounding and incomprehensible in the assumption and enunciation of such positions.

It is, therefore, with a feeling of sincere relief that the charge to the Grand Jury delivered yesterday by Judge SMALLEY in the Circuit Court of the United States, will be read. It is a bold, clear and emphatic *pronunciamiento* against the doctrines of District-Attorney ROOSEVELT—a wholesome rebuke to the fallacy that any change in public sentiment on this subject has taken place, or that any alleged sympathy on the part of the President should have power to reduce a capital felony to the grade of a mi'd misdemeanor. Judge SMALLEY is still old-fashioned enough in his conscience and judgment to speak of the Slave-trade as "this unchristian and inhuman traffic," and of its victims as "miserable human beings"—not mere bales of chattel merchandise. He calls attention to the deplorable fact that this City has become the grand *entrépôt* of slave-trading speculation, and very broadly hints that the Grand Jurors will render themselves "offenders against the law, faithless and perjured guardians of the great trusts reposed in them, and deserving the most condign punishment," if they fail to present and indict any parties legally open to suspicion of being engaged in, or aiding, or abetting this "horrible trade."

Such an announcement as this, and from such a source, cannot fail to cause a wholesome terror amongst those "commercial houses" whose names are invariably found connected, in some mysterious manner, with the fitting out and clearance of vessels subsequently arrested in the Slave-trade, or known to have been burned on the coast of Cuba, after having made a successful voyage. This is the first intimation they will have received, for many years, that a Judge of the United States is holding Court in the City of New-York, who cannot be deterred from doing his duty, and his whole duty, by "the bold, defiant situation of this infamous, but growing traffic." If we understand Judge SMALLEY rightly, he means not to rest satisfied with the trial and punishment of the poor, ignorant seamen who are actually engaged on board the slave-ships; but will also do his utmost, within the limits of his office, towards directing the attention and action of the Grand Jury against the millionaires and wealthy merchants who have accumulated; and are still trying to increase, their fortunes in this unholy business.

PUTTING ON AIRS.—Our South Carolina cousins—or cousins-*german* we suppose we must call them, since their alienation—are waxing magnificent already, on the strength of being "foreigners." Their newspapers head their extracts from New-York journals "The *Foreign* Press." If there was any reason to suppose they meant to be jocose, they would establish quite a reputation for humor in this way. But they are as serious and grave about it as undertakers at a funeral. We have tried to be as melancholy over the whole matter as the solemnity of the performers seems to call for, but the effort is becoming painful.

We have a favor or two to ask of our old countrymen, in their future dealings with us—if they condescend to have any. If they send Ambassadors to our Government, let them be gentlemen. They have a good many such persons among them, and we are inclined to think they would prefer to spend their time abroad. We shall have a Consul in New York probably; we trust they will select some one who can *speak the language*. Many of the foreign Powers with whom we maintain friendly relations have been careless in this particular. Let the Kingdom of South Carolina give the other nations of the earth a valuable example on this subject.

We beg to inform our "foreign" friends,—who may not be familiar with the customs and usages of our country,—that they can travel in perfect security through our dominions,—that no passports are required,—that cars are specially provided for colored people,—that the most perfect freedom of speech is tolerated, and that, if they obey the laws and pay their bills, they will be welcome to the best that our hotels and our bar-rooms afford. As to the newspapers, we have only to request that they will credit what they copy from the *Foreign* Press.

FEDERAL AID AND COMFORT TO DISUNION.—We see it announced that Mr. TRESCOTT, the Assistant Secretary of State, is to act as Secretary to the Commission from South Carolina to Washington. Our "foreign" friends, it strikes us, are drawing rather largely on the Government at Washington for their working force. They have stripped the Cabinet pretty clean already. COBB, of Georgia, after serving the cause of secession, by spending three hundred millions of the federal money, and plunging the Federal Treasury into bankruptcy, ran away, like a midnight incendiary, from the ruin he had caused. THOMPSON, another Cabinet officer, was selected as Secession Commissioner from Mississippi to North Carolina,—while holding office and drawing pay from the Federal Government,—and was only interrupted in his task by the necessity of returning to look after some of his underlings and accomplices in the Department over which he presides. FLOYD stays in the War Department to provide Federal arms for the Disunionists—and see that the power of the Federal Government is not used against them. HEARTT superintends the Public Printing of the Executive Department for the purpose of circulating secession documents. And so in every Department of the General Government the agents of secession are busy in destroying the Union they have sworn to support, and which pays them for their services.

This is a pleasant state of things. It excites cheerful and kindly feelings in the American heart, towards the President who is responsible for it all. Mr. BUCHANAN is heaping up a debt of gratitude on the part of the people which they will never be able to repay during his life-time. It will require history, and the verdict of posterity, to do justice to his conduct in the present crisis of our affairs. But he may rest assured he will have it.

Apportionment of Representatives.

The task of apportioning the Congressional representation among the growing millions of the Union is one which every ten years perplexes the ingenuity of legislators. If the arithmetic of the subject lay within the four elementary rules, the most striking difficulty would not be overmastering. It would be sufficient simply to divide the entire sum of population, less the excepted and the fractional classes named in the fifth article of the Constitution, by the established number of Representatives, and, disregarding fractions, apply the result to the population of the several States. But the process admits of no such dispatch. The fractions are so large in many cases as to exceed the possibility of summary treatment, and to demand especial consideration. When, for instance, as in the apportionment of 1850, the divisor to be applied to the population of the several States is 93,420, it is quite possible that fractions very nearly approaching the unit may occur, which cannot be denied representation; hence the necessity of fixing some standard at which these excesses may be entitled to representation; and hence the vexatious problem over which legislators have to dispute at the commencement of each decade.

It is generally admitted that the disposition of the business in 1850 was very far from being just. Through the fractional juggle of States, containing as did New-York, about a seventh of the entire population of the Republic, lacked two or three of the proportionate number of representatives, while others, by dint of a fortunate fraction, exceeded their proper proportion. To obviate this injustice has been a very desirable object, but the means have not thus far been found.

On the 13th inst., Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, introduced into the House a bill upon the subject, embodying an entirely new system. It proposes to raise the number of representatives from 234 to 275; that figure being consequently the divisor to determine the dividend to each State. If, in the application of this divisor to the population of a State, a remainder be discovered sufficiently large, when multiplied by the number of Congresses in a period of ten years, to exceed the number entitled to a representative, then if the excess be entitled to but one such representative, the State shall only choose such Congressman for the latest of the Congressional terms, namely, that of 1871-2; if there be a right to two, for the two final terms of the decade; if there be three, for the three closing terms; and so to the largest possible number the multiplied fraction may authorize. By this arrangement, the immediate disparity in representation is avoided,—the rule postponing the unequal operation of the principle to the closing years of the period covered by the Census, instead of diffusing it through them all, and it may at once be asked—the right of fractions to be represented being conceded—why the right should be withheld for eight, or even two years. It is evidently curing one species of injustice by resorting to another, and is, therefore, the mere substitution of change for reform.

Methods we doubt not exist by which the entire difficulties of the question might be avoided. Since the Constitution was adopted, the plan of choosing representatives in Congress by districts instead of by general ticket has been established by usage, and made universal by law. There is no reason why these districts should be arranged by State rather than by Federal legislation. If left to the latter, the decennial act of Congress might so divide the districts, in disregard of State limits, as to escape entirely the fractional difficulty, the insufficiently peopled district in one State finding its complement in the State adjacent. The popular branch of Congress comes, as its name implies, and as the theory of our government assumes, from the people, and not from States. There lacks all objection therefore to the scheme of disregarding State lines in the District system, unless it exists in practice and tradition, while in the more perfect unity to be attained in the interests and sympathies of adjoining States, there is perhaps much to be gained. And the mere avoidance of the fractional vexation might of itself authorize the innovation.

But there is little hope that an alteration so radical can find consideration or application in the very short time left for legislation on this or any other topic. It may, however, be worth inquiry to ascertain whether the apportionment may not be advantageously made for a single Congressional term, rather than for the long period of ten years. It is safe to suppose that the framers of the Constitution had no anticipation of the vast increase of population, and its shiftings and displacements, which we now witness in the course of each decade. Portions of the Union double the number of their inhabitants in that time; while in others the tendency is to decrease. States which in 1850 fell short of the fractional standard, necessary to another member, by 1855 became entitled to two additional members on the basis of 93,000; and in 1860, might claim three or perhaps four. Justice clearly requires the correction of this disproportion. As the movement of population is governed by fixed laws, so that the actual population of any State, at a given epoch in the future, may always be calculated with practical accuracy, it might answer to predetermine the numbers to which each State should be entitled in each successive Congress, until a new census should furnish a fresh starting point. By this method, or by leaving each Congress to provide for its successor, the defects and inequalities of the present method would be obviated. They certainly are not so by Mr. ASHLEY's bill.

Peace in China.

Our foreign telegrams contain information of the close of the war in China, and the return of the Emperor to Peking. As in the case of the negotiations at Tien-tsin, the news reaches us through Russian channels, in advance of the usual Overland mail and telegraph—a circumstance illustrating the activeness and attention with which Russia watches the development of the Western European influence in Eastern Asia. No phenomenon in the recent course of the Muscovite Government is more striking than its abandonment of a comprehensive and ambitious European policy, and the concentration of its views upon Asia. And this is the reason why Russian agents have waited upon the steps of the Allies, and surrounded the Chinese Imperial Court, ready to forward to Europe the earliest advices of what might be authentically announced by either.

The details of the treaty so finally ratified will have to be waited for patiently. They, of course, embrace a material aggravation of terms exacted at Tien-tsin, including the residence of full legations at Peking, and indemnity for all expenses from the inception of hostilities. New guarantees for the faithful observance of stipulations will also be obtained, and it is quite probable that every port and portion of the Empire will be rendered as accessible to foreign trade as Canton or Shanghai. If the guarantees furnished by this slippery people be of any value,—and perhaps the conquest of Peking may give them a sanction those previously extorted failed to possess,—we may, when the text of this treaty arrives, safely sit down to the calculation of advantages its arrangements secure to our own Government. Under the—as well as to those most nearly concerned—favored nation clause, there is nothing gained by the arms of France and England that does not inure to the benefit of the United States. We are silent and inevitable partners in the profits of the daring speculation. The war might fairly be denominated "the war of the public good."

There remains also a possibility that the very splendor of the allied triumph may deprive the peace of its permanent worth. In resisting the growing strength of the Tai-Ping rebellion, much of the power of the reigning dynasty has lain in the practical trust among the masses in its infallibility and indestructibility. When measured by the extremely short guage of the outer barbarian, the greatness of the Monarch of the Sun and Moon has been regarded as ineffable, and his power, being vicegerent of the Deity, as omnipotent. The uninterrupted march of the barbarians to the capital; their occupation of the city; the sack of the Imperial residence; the flight of the Emperor, and his return to ratify an ignominious peace, are events calculated to overthrow the popular superstitious veneration for the throne, and to swell the ranks and insure the success of the Rebels, whose progress already no Imperial force in the field, or intrenched in tenable cities, has been found able to oppose. It is needless to say the displacement of the Tartar rule would require the negotiation of new conventions with its successor; and while there is little reason to doubt the disposition of the Rebels to exhibit in their foreign relations far more liberality and constancy than the actual Government the anticipation of so probable a change will be unfavorable to the immediate extension of our intercourse with China. Commerce has no more decisive law than that certainty and continuity of commercial policy are of more consequence than liberality.

The Pope has Failed.

"History marches rapidly in these days," says the Russian journalist HERZEN; and it cannot be denied that his own country has given the world, during the past decade, a stupendous example in the records of industrial progress. But all historical movements are not invariably forwards. Like storms, they move in circles—and, like storms, they knock down many an old tree while fulfilling their grand mission of purification and fertilization.

The last old tree which has been leveled in the Italian circle is, to change the metaphor, the credit of a house which is by far the oldest in existence. It had its branches in every land—its agents in every village. Its circular letters were good, like our own external relations, "with all the world, and the rest of mankind." Unfortunately it has, like many another flourishing firm, come to grief; and ROTHSCHILD—the great ROTHSCHILD himself—proclaims it. Proclaims to universal moneydom that no funds are forthcoming to pay the last six months' interest on the Papal debt, and that, consequently—the Pope has failed!

To be sure the failure is by no means of the "dead broke" order—nor of the "quite broke," "flat broke" or even "clean broke" description, to follow the gradations of failure nicely established among the bankrupting miners in California. It is a temporary embarrassment, we trust, such as troubles many other gentlemen, doing a much smaller business, in these troublous times. Not wishing to lose claim to certain real estate, the Pope recently refused to suffer his rival VICTOR EMANUEL to pay the interest due on certain mortgages and insisted on setting for them himself. Unfortunately certain rents due from Umbria, Romagna and the Marches did not come in, and the Papal credit went out. One can imagine the afflicted shrug of the Most Christian Emperor of France—if he wear that conceded title—on hearing from his agents of this disaster. We see the lighting of that eternal cigar, so lately puffed in the face of a cardinal, and hear the remark, "*mais, c'est bien triste*"—"a melancholy business!"—the Pope has failed!

The failure of Pope PIUS is, however, curious, as illustrating very pointedly, a sentence written by a German traveler, as far back as 1824. "The firm of the Church," says he, "at whose head is the Pope, gives him a regular occupation and a regular salary; he works leisurely, like every man who is not in business on his own account, * * * * only he has the credit of the house at heart, and still more its permanence, as by its bankruptcy he would lose his means of support." What was here spoken in jest has curiously enough been realized in detail, and a new name may be added to the black list of "the seven Popes in bale that be." And so one by one the young giant of Industrial progress, of railroads, State debts and credits, gathers them into his basket—princes, potentates and worn-out powers! Who next? Austria? Who knows! It is quite enough history for the week to know explicitly that the Pope has failed!

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

Miramon in the Ascendant—Twelve Hundred Liberals Captured, with Three Generals and Twelve Pieces of Cannon.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The steamship *Tennessee* has arrived here with Vera Cruz dates of the 22d inst. and $11,000 in specie.

Gen. GONZOURA and Minister MCLANE are passengers.

Gen. MIRAMON has surprised the Liberals at Tortoco, capturing 1,200 men and 12 cannon, and taking Generals DEGOLLADO, BERNOSABEL, TERRIO and others, prisoners.

Arrival of the Pike's Peak Express, etc.

FORT KEARNEY, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express passed east at 2 o'clock yesterday, with $3,000 in gold dust and six passengers.

The dates from Denver City are to the 22d inst. PATRICK WATERS was hung on the 21st. When on the gallows he confessed the murder of FREEMAN. His confession has been published. He had meditated the crime for three days.

A new discovery for saving gold has been made by a man in the gold district diggings. It is still a secret. He took a pan full of tailings from one of the quartz mills, supposed to contain little or no gold, and by subjecting it to his process three times, he obtained nine dollars, seven dollars and two dollars and seventy cents respectively.

Cheering news comes from the San Juan country. It is vast in extent and rich placer diggings are said to exist there, as well as fine agricultural valleys.

We had a light snow on the 20th inst., but all the snow disappeared in a few hours after it had fallen. The weather since has been very fine.

Delay of the Pony Express.

FORT KEARNEY, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The Pony Express going West was twenty-four hours late, owing to a new rider losing his way and freezing to death. He was a German—name unknown.

Death of Ralph Farnum.

GREAT FALLS, N. H., Wednesday, Dec. 26.

RALPH FARNUM, the last survivor of the battle of Bunker Hill, died this morning, at the residence of his son, in Acton, Maine. His age was 104 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Death of Hon. Henry M. Fuller.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

HENRY M. FULLER, ex-member of Congress from the Honesdale District, died this morning, in this city, of typhoid fever; aged 40. He was a defeated candidate in the Second District, last October.

Fire at South Bend, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

OLIVER & LITTLE'S plough factory, and B. PRICE'S cabinet factory, were burned at 2 o'clock this morning. Loss $15,000; no insurance.

Railroad Casualties.

PEORIA (Ill.), Wednesday, Dec. 26.

A passenger train on the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad ran off the track, when four miles out, this morning. E. S. MILLER, of Lodi, N. Y., was fatally injured. None of the others were hurt seriously.

STRATFORD, C. W., Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Mr. STAPLETON was almost instantly killed while attempting to get on an express train, this morning.

Boy Drowned at Sackett's Harbor.

SACKETT'S HARBOR, Wednesday, Dec 26.

Three boys fell through the ice while skating on the bay to-day. A son of WM. PETITT was drowned.

Gone into Liquidation.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The State Savings' Fund has gone into liquidation, having made an assignment.

Naval Intelligence.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Three hundred men were yesterday sent from the Charlestown Navy-yard by special train to join the ship-of-war *Macedonian* at Portsmouth.

NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES.

The issue for the current week contains

The commencement of DICKENS' CHRISTMAS STORY,

THE MESSAGE FROM THE SEA;

The continuation of that capital story, by SHIRLEY BROOKS,

THE SILVER CORD;

With other interesting and attractive Literary contents.

Among the Political features will be found the

SPEECH OF MR SEWARD,

Before the New-England Society of this City;

The Fourth Letter of

MR. RAYMOND TO MR. YANCEY;

With the Proceedings of Congress, and of the Sovereign Convention of South Carolina; the Progress of the Dissolution Movement; the Excitement at Pittsburgh; the Great Fraud in the Department of the Interior, &c.

The General News contains highly important and interesting advices from Europe; the Bombardment of Gaeta; the Close of the War in China, &c., &c., with ample details of Domestic Intelligence; Military and Naval information; Personal Gossip, and other matters of interest.

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I write me to inform you that at the fire which occurred in the seven story building, Nos. 26 and 28 Frankfort-street on the 15th inst., one of your Alarm Patent Safes was severely exposed to the heat, for many hours. On opening it at your manufactory, which had to be done by drilling it, I was exceedingly gratified to find my books and papers in a state of preservation. I am fully convinced that the Alarm Patent Safe is all that you claim it to be, viz: a sure protector and fire defying repository for books and papers.
Yours &c.
EDWARD O. JENKINS.
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BIRTHS.

ORMSBY.—On Wednesday, Dec 26, the wife of W. L. ORMSBY, Jr., of twin sons. Mother and boys doing well.

MARRIED.

JAGGER—BUCKWITH.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, by Rev. Thomas G. Osborn, Mr. DAVID JAGGER, of Riverhead, L. I., to Miss ELIZA M. BUCKWITH, of Greenport, L. I.

SHEARLY—LEWIS.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Church of the Incarnation, by Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Dr. GEORGE F. SHEARLY to Miss MARY LEWIS, daughter of the late John Lewis, Esq., all of New-York.

BUNKER—LOINES.—In Brooklyn, at the residence of Paul Bunker, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, according to the Order of the Society of Friends, EDWARD S. BUNKER and ALICE LOINES, daughter of Mary S. and the late John Loines.

COFFIN—COLLINS.—In Collingwood, Jefferson County, Ohio, on Thursday, Dec 13, at the residence of the bride's brother, E. K. Collins, by Rev. Mr. Lavery, Mr. H. L. COFFIN, of Cincinnati, to Miss SARAH COLLINS, of New-York.

BAVIER—PENNINGTON.—In Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, Dec. 18, by Rev. Dr. Cox, LANGDON BEVING, to SOPHIA C. PENNINGTON, daughter of Justice Pennington, Esq.

DIED.

COOKE.—In this City on Monday, Dec. 24, at the residence of his brother, No. 29 West 20th-st., of typhoid fever, Dr. PURCELL COOKE, of Brooklyn.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10½ A. M. from Dr. Cutler's Church, Brooklyn. The remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

BEACH.—In this City, on Monday, Dec. 24, after a short illness, CLARA J., wife of Dr. John Beach, in the 30th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 81 West 26th-st., on Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

☞ St. Louis and Cincinnati papers please copy.

DAY.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 23, suddenly, MARTHA, wife of William T. Day, aged 47 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, the members of the McDougal-st. Baptist Church, the members of Olive Branch Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., and the active and honorary members of Excelsior Hose Company No. 14, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, 27th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 26 Carmine-st., without further invitation.

YERKS.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, SUSANNAH, relict of John Yerks, aged 80 years, 1 month and 17 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, this (Thursday) morning, at 9½ o'clock, from the residence of her daughter, No. 671 Washington-street.

OLIVER.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, after a short illness, WILLIAM H. OLIVER, son of James D. Oliver, Esq.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, at the residence of his father, No. 62 Amity-st., on Friday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock.

ELLIS.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, after a short illness, BENJAMIN ELLIS, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, at 1½ P. M., from No. 25 East Broadway. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

WEEKS.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, suddenly, CHARLES T. WEEKS, in the 56th year of his age.

The friends and relatives of the family, and those of his sons, Matthew Henry, Carlyle T., Jr., and George W., and also the friends of his brothers, Nathaniel, Samuel, Jacob and Benjamin T. Weeks, and his brother-in-law, S. C. Burdett, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 24 Jay-st., on Friday, Dec. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

PRICE.—In this City, on Wednesday, Dec 26, of consumption, MARY ANN PRICE, wife of Samuel Price, aged 35 years.

Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment, to-morrow, (Friday,) at 1 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 135 East 30th-st.

FANNING.—On Wednesday evening, Dec 26, of croup, JOSEPH BRAWNER, youngest child of John H. and Mary B. Fanning, in the 3d year of his age.

Notice of the funeral will appear to-morrow.

BEAN.—On Christmas Morning, Dec. 25, of congestion of the brain, Miss MARTHA GILLEY, daughter of the late Rev. Moses Bean.

BOWMAN.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday Dec. 25, EDWIN AMORY, son of Amory R., Jr., and Rebecca Bowman, aged 1 year and 8 months.

The funeral will take place from No. 46 Remsen-st., Brooklyn, this day, (Thursday,) 27th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

CARSON.—In South Brooklyn, at her late residence, No. 50 Carroll-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 25, ELIZA A., wife of Joseph Carson, aged 32 years, 1 month and 16 days.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, Dec. 28, at 1 o'clock, without further notice.

RICHARDSON.—In New Brighton, on Monday, Dec. 24, GEORGE DUER, son of Beverly Robinson, aged 5 years.

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14, 40, 5, 19, 28, 21, 18, 72, 63, 13, 71, 17, 64, 57.
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STILL SOMETHING WHICH HAS
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PROF. WOOD'S HAIR RESTORATIVE.
See what
OTHERS SAY OF IT.
A DISTINGUISHED ST. LOUIS PHYSICIAN
WRITES:
St. Louis, July 10, 1860.
O. J. Wood, Esq.: *Dear Sir:* Allow me the pleasure and satisfaction to transmit to you the beneficial effects of your Hair Restorative after a trial of 5 years. I commenced using your Restorative in January, 1855, since which time I have not been without a bottle on hand. When I commenced the use, my hair was quite thin, and at least one-third gray. A few applications stopped its falling, and in three weeks time there was not a gray hair to be found. Neither has there been up to this time. After my hair was completely restored, I continued its use by applying two or three times per month. My hair has ever continued healthy, soft and glossy, and my scalp perfectly free from dandruff. I do not imagine the facts above mentioned will be of any particular advantage to you, or even matter of vanity at this late day, as I am well aware they are all well known already, and even more wonderful ones throughout the Union. I have occupied my time in traveling the greater part of the time the past three years, and have taken pride and pleasure in recommending your Restorative and exhibiting its effects in my own case. In several instances I have met with people that have pronounced it a humbug; saying they had used it and without effect. In every instance, however, it proved, by probing the matter, that they had not used your article at all, but had used some new article said to be as good as yours, and selling at about half the price. I have noticed two or three articles myself advertised as above, which I have no doubt are humbugs. It is astonishing that people will patronize an article of no reputation, when there is one at hand that has been proved beyond a doubt.
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I have, within the past five years, seen and talked with more than two hundred persons that have used your preparation with perfect success—some for baldness, gray hair, scaly head, and druff, and every disease the scalp and head are subject to.
I called to see you personally, at your original place of business here, but learned you were now living in New-York.
You are at liberty to publish this or refer parties to me. Any communication addressed to me, care Box No 1,920, will be promptly answered.
Yours, truly,
JAMES WHITE, M. D.

WARREN SPRINGS, Perry Co., Penn., June 7, 1858.
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Yours, &c.,
H. H. ZITER.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 30, 1859.
DEAR SIR: I here send you a statement that I think you are entitled to the benefit of. I am a resident of Bloomington, and have been for over thirty years. I am now over fifty years of age. For about twenty years past my hair has been turning considerably gray, and was almost entirely white and very stiff and unpliant. I had seen a number of certificates of the very wonderful effect of your Hair Restorative but suspected there was more fiction than truth in them; but entertaining a strong desire to have my hair, if possible, restored to its original color and fineness, as it was in my younger days a beautiful black, I concluded I would make the experiment commencing in a small way. I purchased one of your small bottles, at one dollar, and commenced using, following directions as nearly as I could. I soon discovered the dandruff removed, and my hair, that was falling off in large quantities, was considerably tightened, and a radical change taking place to the color. I have continued to use it, till I have used three of your small bottles and am through the fourth. I have now as pretty a head of dark brown, or light black hair as any one, or as I had in my youthful days, when a boy in the hills of Western Virginia. My head is entirely clear of dandruff, and the hair ceased entirely falling off and is as soft and fine, and feels as oily, as though it was just from the hands of a French chiropodist. Many of my acquaintances frequently say to me, "Butler, where did you get that fine wig?" I tell them it was the effects of your Restorative. It is almost impossible to convince them that it is the original hair of the same old gray head.
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The undersigned offers his stock, comprising a variety of styles, in sable, mink and other choice Furs, low for cash, not exceeding wholesale prices at retail.
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FAMILIES AND SINGLE GENTLEMEN wishing first-class accommodations for the Winter, can find them at No. 90 Henry-st., corner of Clark Brooklyn. Pleasant rooms and good board at a moderate price. Private table if desired.

BOARDING.—WANTED, BY A GENTLEMAN and wife, one large, or two small rooms, on second floor, in a desirable location, between Bleecker and 14th-sts., and 3d and 6th-avs. Terms must be reasonable. Address, with full particulars, K, Box No. 4,665 New-York Post-office.

BOARDING.—NO. 17 LAFAYETTE-PLACE.—A few desirable rooms for families, and also for single gentlemen, at the large, commodious house, by MRS. WILSON, formerly of Murray-st.

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ELEGANTLY FURNISHED ROOMS—IN the Hotel St. Germain, 5th-av., Broadway and 23d-st. Having completed the spacious dining-room added to this Hotel, the proprietor is prepared to accommodate families and single gentlemen with delightful front rooms and board at table d'hote. Private tables and meals à la carte as heretofore.

A SMALL FAMILY, OCCUPYING A FIRST-class house, No. 230 west 34d-st., between 8th and 9th avs., wish to let furnished, with board, a large room with closet, on second floor, at $10 per week, to a gentleman and wife or two single gentlemen. Dinner at 6 o'clock.

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BOARD WANTED IN BROOKLYN—IN A private family, for a gentleman and wife, at a convenient distance from the Wall-st. Ferry. Terms about $10 per week. References exchanged. Address A. B., Box No. 148 Times Office.

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A gentleman now and for the last twenty years in this business, having part of his time at liberty, desires to increase his business.
He is every way qualified both in experience and integrity, and refers to Mr. John R. Murray, No. 20 Nassau-st., and Mr. James Harrow, No. 219 6th-av.
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WANTED—A CORNER HOUSE AND LOT IN the upper part of this city or Brooklyn, in a respectable neighborhood, in exchange for a cottage in Williamsburgh, within three blocks of the South 9th st. Ferry. The premises are supplied with gas and water. The street is sewered. The present occupant would be pleased to remain, at a rent of $350 per year. Apply to JAS. C. GODFREY, or Wm. E. Bird & Co., No. 218 Front-st.

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NO. 600 BROADWAY.—A LARGE FRONT room on second floor, suitable for a club room or any light mechanical business; also, other rooms suitable for offices, studios, &c. Apply to W. E. BRINCKERHOFF, No. 600 Broadway, in the Carriage Repository.

TO LET—A LARGE CONCERT ROOM, WITH ALL fixtures complete, on Broadway; will be rented low to a good tenant. Apply to W. E. BRINCKERHOFF, No. 600 Broadway, in the Carriage Repository.

TO LET—A PART OR THE WHOLE OF A VERY desirable office, until May 1, or longer. Rent moderate. Inquire at Room No. 6, No. 429 Broadway.

STEAM POWER TO LEASE.—ROOMS IN THE new buildings Nos. 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50 Greene-st Apply to E. J. HOWARD, on the premises.

STEAM POWER TO LET—AT THE EMPIRE Works, foot of East 24th-st. Engines 1,000-horse power, and rooms well lighted.

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THE BEST AND CHEAPEST INK.
AMERICAN UNION INK, jet black, flows freely and does not corrode. Sold at No. 5 Ludlow-st., and at the stationers generally. JESSE G. KNYS.

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HELP WANTED.

A TIDY GIRL.—WANTED, A TIDY GIRL, WHO can come well recommended, to do light work and sew, at No. 40 Grove-st.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—A FIRST-RATE cake ornamenter; also, a second hand on cake. Call at No. 1,044 Broadway, corner 29th-st., before 12 M or corner 9th-st. and 3d-av., between 12½ and 3½ o'clock.

JUGGED HARE AND ENGLISH PLUM Pudding for dinner TO-DAY. English Mutton and Mince Pies TO-MORROW. For sale, Yarmouth Bloaters, Scotch Finnon Haddocks, English Filberts, Hares, Bacon, Hams, &c., at the Ethiopian Ale Lunch-Rooms, T. RICHARDSON, Agent, BEN. HONEY on hand. No. 66 Maiden-lane, corner of William.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, BY AN active young woman, a situation as chambermaid and waiter, or would do chamber work and washing, or would take a nurse's place, and do plain sewing; has most excellent references from whom she can be seen for two days at No. 13 Union-court, University place, between 11th and 12th sts.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY AN ENGLISH PROtestant woman, a situation as first-class cook; she is thoroughly understands cooking in all its branches; has over 15 years' experience in England and this country as cook; can give excellent city references. Call or address for two days, at No. 64 4th-av., near 9th-st.; no objections to the country.

AS COOK.—WANTED A SITUATION IN A PRIvate family as cook, by a respectable Scotch woman, who is fully understands her business; has no objection to assist in the washing; is a good baker of bread; can come well recommended from her last situation. Can be seen for three days at No. 238 6th-av., between 18th and 19th sts.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A COMPETENT, TIDY Woman, with excellent city reference, a situation as Cook, in all its branches; understands Wm's Pauly, baking and Pastry, Soups and Jellies; wages $9. City or Country. Call at or address No. 216 East Twenty-third st., for two days.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A COMPETENT WOman, a situation as first-class cook; understands her business in all its branches; or would act as orderly cook in a hotel or boarding house; has the best City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 13 Union-court, University-place, between 11th and 12 sts.

AS COOK.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A RESpectable Protestant girl, as cook; understands cooking in all its branches, all kinds of soups, pastries and jellies; is also a first-rate bread-baker; no objections to assist with the ironing and washing; three years' reference. Call at No. 113 West 34th st.

AS COOK.—WANTED A SITUATION BY A RESpectable woman as first-class cook; she understands all kinds of meats, pastries, game, &c.; has the best of City reference. Can be seen this morning at No. 219 West 34th st., between 8th and 9th avs.

AS COOK.—A PROTESTANT WOMAN WANTS a situation in City or country; is an excellent cook in every department, and has good reference. Apply at No. 494 Broadway, upstairs.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A competent young woman; is a good plain cook and baker; will assist with the washing and ironing; good City reference from her last place. Can be seen for two days at No. 161 31st st., between 6th and 7th avs.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A Protestant woman, as cook; is willing to assist with the washing and ironing; has no objection to the City or country; good reference. Can be seen at No. 49 6th-av., Waverley place.

AS COOK &c.—A SITUATION WANTED BY A very tidy, respectable German girl as cook, washer and ironer or as general housemaid, is a first-rate baker, willing and obliging, and no objections to go in the country. Call at No. 406 Broome-st., first floor, front room.

AS COOK—CHAMBERMAID, &c.—A SITUation wanted by two sisters; one as cook, bake and wash in the washing and ironing; the other as chambermaid and waitress, or as chambermaid and nurse; no objections to go a short distance in the country. Good City references from their last places. Can be seen at No. 62 West 21st st., corner 6th-av.

AS COOK AND LAUNDRESS, OR GENERAL HOUSEWORK.—A neat, respectable Protestant German girl, desires a situation in either of the above capacities. Will be found a good cook and baker, excellent washer and ironer; has no objection to chamber-work and fine washing, is of an obliging disposition. Apply at No. 378 6th-av., 1st floor, front.

AS COOK, WASHERIAND IRONER, OR GENERAL HOUSEWORK.—A tidy, respectable and well-disposed young woman desires a situation in City or country, in either of the above capacities; is an excellent cook, and good washer and ironer; makes nice bread and pies, and has excellent testimonials. Apply at No. 378 6th-av., up stairs.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted a situation, by a smart, competent young woman with 3 years reference; will be found willing and obliging. Please apply 2 days at No. 434 4th-av., near 25th st., in the store.

AS DRESSMAKER.—DRESSMAKER, TO GO out by the day or week, in a private family; can do all kinds of family sewing; is a good operator on Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine. Can be seen at No. 150 7th-av., second floor, front room.

AS DRESSMAKER.—AN EXPERIENCED dressmaker wishes to go out by the day, week, or month. Unexceptionable City reference as to competency and ability. Call all week at No. 61 East 22d-st., near 4th-av.

COMPETENT DRESSMAKER WANTS employment by the day in families to cut and fit ladies' dresses. Apply at 88 East 13th-st., corner 4th-av.

AS GENERAL HOUSEMAID.—A SITUAtion wanted. Any lady in want of a really smart, reliable servant for kitchen work or general housework, with first-class references for honesty, neatness and capability, may apply at No. 58 Attantic-st., Brooklyn.

AS NURSE.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY A young woman, as nurse; is fully competent to take the entire charge of an infant from its birth; no objection to go South. Call at 80 West 14th st., in the rear.

AS CHILD'S NURSE.—WANTED, BY A young woman, a Protestant; a situation as child's nurse; understands her business perfectly, and is an excellent needle woman; will be found faithful and obliging. Can be seen at No. 101 West 24th-st.

AS SEAMSTRESS OR CHILDREN'S NURSE.—Wanted, by a person who owns a top Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, (can make ladies' clothes in a style,) a place in a family to serve children or make herself very useful; or would go out by the day or can embroider with Grover & Baker's; terms moderate. Inquire at No. 129 East 26th st., or address A. B., Box No. 170 Times Office.

THE ADVERTISER, A YOUNG, INTELLIgent lady of respectability, is desirous of obtaining a situation in a retail store, or as housekeeper, fancy dress-maker or nursery governess; a home more the object than compensation; would leave the City. Communications addressed to Miss HAMBLIN, Chatham-square Post-office, for one week.

WANTED—A HOME AND SMALL SALARY BY a young lady of experience, (with testimonials and references) teacher of piano melodeon, vocalization, higher and lower English, painting, and competent as organist, church singer, companion, letter writer, copyist, accountant, coatributor or corrector of manuscripts, &c. Address HOME, Box No. 10 Brooklyn Post-office.

A WIDOW WOULD BE THANKFUL TO get embroidery on linen or muslin, being in want; the best of City reference. Address LAURA, No. 107 Thompson-st., for one week. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

MALES.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS coachman by a Protestant young man, in a private family; would go a short distance in the country and make himself useful to his employer; he understands the care of horses, and is a careful driver; the best of reference can be given. Can be seen at the store of his late employer, U. H., No. 221 Washington-st., for this week, or address a note to G. W., Box No. 214 Times Office.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION BY a respectable single man of long experience in this City as coachman; has lived with first class families in this City; the best of City reference as to character and capability can be seen at Mr. Campbell's Saddlery store, No. 50 4th-av., or address a note to J. K., at the above place.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION AS coachman in a private fam ly by a respectable Protestant man with first-class City reference as to honesty, sobriety and capability, for the past seven years; is willing to make himself useful to his employer. Can be seen at or address COACHMAN, No. 187 East 33d-st., for this week.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A COACHMAN'S situation, by a young man, (English;) thoroughly understands his business; is well acquainted with the management of fast horses. Address W. B., Mr. Lowry's, saddler, No. 932 Broadway.

AS COACHMAN, &c.—COOK, &c.—WANTed, situations by a Scotchman and his wife, Protestants; one as coachman and gardener, the other as cook, waiter and ironer; have no objections to go to the country; can take care of a farm if required; good reference if required. Call at No. 128 19th-st., second floor, 3 doors east of 7th-av. Can be seen for 3 days.

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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Confectionery, Chocolate, Chocolate Bonbons, Italian, French and domestic Fruits, crystalized and glaced, rich French Fancy Boxes, Cornucopias, &c., at Retail.
STRUBING & PALMERS,
Nos. 96 and 98 Duane-st., a few doors east of Broadway, manufacturers of fine French and Pharmaceutic Confectionery and Chocolate by steam, and importers of French fine Fancy Boxes and Papers, offer at Retail, for the Holidays, their large and varied assortment of articles above named. Ladies and gentlemen desirous of purchasing, will find it advantageous to give us a call.

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E. MENDES, No. 600 BROADWAY,
Chocolate Manufacturer and French Confectioner, respectfully informs the public that his annual
HOLIDAY EXHIBITION OF
FANCY BASKETS,
RICH BOXES, CAPPERATS, BASKETS,
BUTTON BOXES, BOXES SUPERFINE
will take place on MONDAY, Dec 17.
E. MENDES' collection of his own manufacture, and imported articles, will be found well worth inspection for
RICHNESS, NOVELTY, AND SPLENDOR.
SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
of French Confectionery to all varieties.
A specialty of Chocolate Bonbon only to be found in this establishment.
Chocolate Lover and Fancy ornaments for Christmas Trees.
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These goods are manufactured by the "Manhattan Plate Company," and contain as large and varied an assortment of superior goods as ever offered in this market, such as tea sets, urns, cake baskets, casters, water pitchers, entree dishes, waiters, soup tureens, spoons and forks, &c., also ivory-handled table cutlery, which will be offered at reduced prices for the next 20 days.
HIRAM YOUNG, No. 20 John-st.

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Beautiful Engravings Framed, Palmer's Photographs and others in passe partout, Photographic Albums for carte de visite, Color Boxes in every variety, Boxes for Drawing Pencils and Drawing Instruments, Albums, Portfolios. Also, carved Reading Desks, Bookmarks, Flower Vases, &c., &c., the whole forming a most tasty and elegant collection of objects d'art.
W. SCHAUS, No. 609 Broadway.

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Fifth-avenue Hotel, branch of Victor Bishop, No. 21 Maiden-lane. Diamond full sets from $2 000 to $1,000; Parisian Jewelry, Watches, Coral Jewelry, &c. All our goods are offe ed at the very lowest possible prices, wholesale or retail. BISHOP & REIN, Importers.
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SYRUPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
The largest assortment and best selected stock in the upper part of the City, is to be found at Nos. 319 and 321 7th-av.
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Shell Boxes, Fancy Boxes,
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A complete assortment of boys', ladies' and gentlemen's skates.
No. 59 Fulton-st.,
TOOL-CHEST.
CHAS. LITTLE, Agent.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1860.

NOTICE.—"THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION" have established a new system for dispensing the relief which is called for at their offices, No. 1 Bond-st., and at the Rotunda in the Park. Blanks are furnished to the applicants by the officer in charge, which will enable the worthy poor to properly present their claim, while the profligate vagrant will be placed at labor on the Island when forcing himself or herself upon the Institution for maintenance. Certificates of known citizens will be required in all cases, and sufficient time will be taken by the Department, before granting permanent relief during the months of January and February.
By order of the Board GEORGE KELLOCK,
NEW YORK Dec. 24, 1860. Superintendent.

The following is the form of the application necessary to obtain relief at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 1 Bond st., near Broadway, and at the Rotunda in the Park, (where blank forms will be given to all applicants.)

NEW-YORK, ... 1861.
Name of applicant .....
Occupation ..... Age .....
Place of residence ..... Country .....
How long in the country ..... How long in City .....
Number of persons for whom relief is asked .....
Residence, No. ..... street ..... Ward .....
Front or rear house ..... No. of room ..... and what story .....
Whether relief is received from any other quarter .....
Whether assisted by any charitable institution and how long? .....
Has aid been received from this Department, and how long? .....
The number and age of each person, and if any sick, how many? .....
What is the relief required? .....
Any means of support, and what are they? .....
In all cases of sickness, the Physician's certificate must be furnished if possible.
All applications to be made one week in advance, to enable the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction to examine as to the claims of the parties applying.
All applications to have the following certificate of character signed by some known resident of the neighborhood where they reside:—
I am well acquainted with .....
and believe ..... to be in want, and deserving of aid.
.....
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.:
I solemnly swear that the foregoing statement made, is true

AUCTION SALES.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.
IMPORTANT SALE OF
SUPERB FRENCH AND ENGLISH FANCY GOODS,
SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
By E. & E. H. SCHENCK, THIS DAY, 27th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at their sales-room No. 141 Broadway, great sale of the most superb fancy goods this season, comprising a large assortment of entirely new patterns and designs, just imported, and selling in part of
FINE BRONZES, SUPERB PARIAN FIGURES,
ELEGANT BRONZE, ORMOLU AND MARBLE CLOCKS,
PEVRES AND FRENCH CHINA VASES,
DECORATED FRENCH CHINA DINNER SETS,
SUPERB CUT AND BOHEMIAN GLASSWARE,
ELEGANT ORMOLU GOODS, SILVER-PLATED WARE,
And a large variety of other elegant fancy goods
NOW ON EXHIBITION.
Ladies and the public generally are invited to examine them. Purchasers can have their goods carefully packed and shipped at a small cost.

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Elegant cabinets, jewel cases, ladies' work boxes, elegantly fitted superb reserves and ormolu odor cases, ormolu and real bronze statuettes, bijouterie, bisque and bronze statuettes, gentlemen's dressing cases, India and Chinese goods, together with an elegant assortment of other rich articles of vertu by E. & E. H. SCHENCK, THIS DAY, Dec. 27, at 10½ o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 141 Broadway. Ladies are particularly invited to examine them.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE
IN PARTITION, FOR CASH.
BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT.
ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Dec. 27, 1860, at 12 M., at the Merchants' Exchange
HOUSE AND LOT No. 40 VANDEWATER-ST—It is 21 feet 1 inch front, 21 feet rear, 58.11 on one side, and 34.0 on the other side. JOHN A. WEEKS, Referee.
No. 56 Wall-st.

A. W. PORTER & Co., Auctioneers.
AUCTION NOTICE.—ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Important notice to Housekeepers.
MAGNIFICENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
AT PUBLIC AUCTION.
At the elegant residence No. 218 West 14th-st., a few doors from 8th-av
THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 27 and 28.
The catalogue comprising the
Large and choice assortment of
Household Furniture and Works of Art
collected at auction this season.
Superb seven octave Pianoforte,
Elegant Drawing-room Suites
Oil-paintings by eminent Artists,
Pier and Mantel Mirrors,
Brussels and Lace Curtains, &c.
Commencing at 10½ o'clock precisely, the entire elegant furniture and beautiful works of art contained in the above large dwelling, all of which will be sold without reserve, and must be removed immediately, as the house is now to let—comprising a very large and elegant assortment of everything essential to a fashionable and costly furnished residence, in rosewood, oak and mahogany. Sale to commence in the dining-room, with rich silverware, of Rogers Brothers' manufacture; urns, casters, spoons, forks cake-baskets, dining sets; superb French and Bohemian China, crystal cut glass, fancy engraved glassware, ivory and pearl cutlery, French porcelain, elegant tea and dessert sets, fancy ornamental parlor—two richly carved rosewood parlor suites, covered in three-colored brocade, in perfect order; velvet and Wilton carpets, rosewood marble-top etageres, rosewood centre, sofa and pier tables; two elegant pier glasses, with bases; damask and rich lace curtains; French shades, turkish chairs with lounges to match; reception chairs, in brocade; elegant carved rosewood piano-forte with solid pearl keys; music cabinet, divans, magnificent mantel-vases, bronzes, marble groups of parlor ornaments, with a number of choice and valuable paintings; velvet and Wilton carpets, elegant chandeliers, &c.; chambers (all in rosewood and mahogany)—Superb bedsteads, large hair mattresses, dressing-bureaus, marble wash-stands, commodes, mirrors, French toilet sets; full suite of chamber furniture, in velvet; cottage and other chairs, arm chairs, sofas, sofa-beds, mahogany chairs, clocks, mirrors, Ingrain carpets, &c., with a large quantity of good mahogany furniture of every description; oil-cloths, stair-carpets and rods, marble top hall-stand, kitchen-ware, &c. Sale at 10½ o'clock precisely

NOTICE OF SALE.—WHEREAS, DEFAULT has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage bearing date on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1857, and executed by the Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad Company, Trustee, and duly recorded in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, in Book A of Railroad Mortgages, on pages 159 to 167 inclusive; and, whereas, the said Flagg has resigned the appointment of Trustee under said mortgage, and the undersigned has been duly constituted and appointed, according to the provisions of said mortgage, successor to said Flagg, and Trustee in his place:
Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of law, the undersigned, Trustee under said mortgage, will, on the 21 day of March, A. D. 1861, at the station-house of said Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad Company, in the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the mortgaged premises described in said mortgage, to wit: All and singular, the first division of the Railroad of said Company, from the city of Sheboygan to the City of Fon du Lac, in Wisconsin, together with all the rights of way, depot-grounds, railways, rails, bridges, fences, stations station houses and other buildings, and all the lands and hereditaments by said Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad Company then held or thereafter acquired in connection with the said first division of this railway, or relating thereto, whether obtained under the rights and privileges of their charter, or conveyed to them by deed; and also the income, rents, issues and profits, and corporate and other franchises of said Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad Company connected with the said first division of this railway, or relating thereto; and also all the locomotive-engines, tenders, cars of every kind, machinery, machine shops, tools and implements, wood and property connected with the proper equipment, working, operating and conducting of the said railroad then owned, or thereafter acquired, by the said Sheboygan and Mississippi Railroad Company, for or appurtenant to the aforesaid line of road, in substitution of those then owned, or otherwise, all of which personal chattels were declared to be fixtures and appurtenances, and were to be used and sold therewith, and not separated therefrom, and were to be taken as a part thereof. SAMUEL P. BENSON, Trustee.
DECEMBER 15, 1860.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
J. SNEDECOR'S SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND SALE OF CHOICE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
PAINTINGS, STATUARY, WATER COLORS, &c.
To be sold at auction without reserve, on
FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 28
The sale to commence at 7 o'clock Comprising works by all our most eminent artists, and collected from their studios within the past week. The subscriber would respectfully invite the attention of connoisseurs to this collection, as it is seldom that an opportunity occurs where can be obtained such excellent specimens of the artists.
Among the collection can be found the works of Gignoux, Kensett, James M. Hart, Eastman Johnson, Edwin White, Wm. Hart, Boughton, Gifford, Bellows, Innes, Doughty, E. L. Henry, Tait, Mignot, Beard, Hall, Cropsey, Van Beest, Bierstadt, De Haas, Lilly M. Spencer, Hubbard, Certell, Dix, Coleman, Soutag, Wust, D. Johnson, Rossiter, Warren, J. G. Brown, Stearns, Kheinger, Waterman, Boutelle, Poole, C. H. Moore, Brevoort, Thom. Coutourier, H. Rouner, &c., &c.
There is included in the sale a superb Statue, entitled "CUPID,"
BY THE EMINENT SCULPTOR, IVES.
This really excellent work has excited considerable attention, and will be sold without reserve on the evening above named only.
The above collection is now on exhibition, free, at the gallery and store of the subscriber. Exhibition open from 8 A. M. till 9 P. M each day until the evening of sale. J. SNEDECOR, No. 768 Broadway.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL AT Auction on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 26 and 27, at 10½ o'clock, each day, at the salesroom, No. 23 Nassau-st., superb sale of Japanese and other fancy goods, comprising cabinets, trays, French bowls, cups, China vases, boxes &c. Also, an invoice of Canton China ware of various descriptions, tea-pots, &c., &c.
Also, a large invoice of French clocks, bronzes, China vases, ormolu, Parian and Parisian fancy articles, French China dinner, tea and dessert sets, China clocks, fans, and other costly goods.
Also, an entire invoice of very rich terra cotta, just landed from the ship *Hi-vertin* from Antwerp, containing flower bowls pitchers and other ware, and beautiful goods.
Also, a fresh invoice of recently imported Bohemian ware, colognes, plates, glassware, engraved wares, finger-bowls and other goods.
Also an invoice of wax flowers, fruits, &c., very beautiful, under glass with other rich and costly goods.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26,
At 12 o'clock, two very beautiful real Hudson Bay sable cloaks, very superior and costly, made to order, to be sold without reserve.
Also, the balance of the jewelry remaining uncalled for from the sale of Dec 20 and 21 which was sold by order of the Receiver the same remaining uncalled for; will be sold without reserve.

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co., Auctioneers.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL AT AUCTION, on FRIDAY, Dec. 28, at 11 o'clock, in the gallery over the salesroom No. 23 Nassau-st., large and valuable collection of first class oil-paintings, most of which have just been received from Europe. Among other celebrated names, will be found the works of Lanfont de Metz, A. Veron, Salmon E. Limmens, Michaud A. Cortier, I. Murat, Univershouse, Baulieu, T. A. Richards. A series of views in Constantinople and vicinity, painted on the spot, together with an invoice of fine modern pictures of the Flemish, French and English schools, just received. Also, by order of the Underwriters 12 very fine modern oil-paintings, by first class French artists, very slightly damaged, imported for private sale only. A full guarantee of originality will be given for the artistic pictures. Also, a number of fine pictures to close invoices. The above are now on exhibition as above.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.
FRIDAY, DEC. 28, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M., at the central salesrooms, Willoughby, corner Pearl-st., Brooklyn. Regular weekly sale of household furniture carpets, oil-cloths stoves, &c., pier glass 72x60, Herring's safe, 4 show cases, plated bars, 3 large walnut-top counters with drawers, 2 office desks, cloths, Cashmeres, ties, cravats, fancy goods, &c., &c. Also at 7 P. M., fine gold jewelry, the balance of stock of a dealer. Watches, lockets ear-rings, pins, rings, lava and cameo sets, studs, vest chains, gold and silver specs, eye-glasses, bracelets, plated tea sets, castors, goblets, salts, cake baskets, table and tea spoons, &c., &c.

BROWN & NICHOLS, Auctioneers.
FAIR OF THE NORTH TRINITY CHURCH, Broadway, above 34th-st. The entire stock of articles, consisting of children's wearing apparel, useful and ornamental work for the parlor, fancy articles, toys, perfumery, &c., &c. Also, a large assortment of valuable jewelry selected especially for the Holidays; will be disposed of at auction, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, by Messrs. BROWN & NICHOLS, and sold without reserve. Sale to commence at 7½ o'clock P. M.

H. E. MATHEWS, Auctioneer.
LARGE SALE OF HAINES' BROS. SUPERIOR first-class Piano-Fortes, at public auction, on MONDAY, 1 o'clock, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the warerooms of H. E. MATHEWS, No. 296 Fulton-st., Brooklyn. Sale positive and without reserve. Each piano guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. These pianos are now ready for inspection, and will be sold at auction prices previous to the sale.

J. H. BURLEY, Auctioneer.
MORTGAGE SALE.—J. H. BURLEY WILL sell this day, at 2 o'clock, at No. 444 Canal-st., bureaus, bedsteads chairs, tables, sofas, sofa-beds, mattresses, feather beds, Brussels and other carpets, mirrors, wardrobes, kitchen ware, blankets, &c.
WHITTING & SMITH, Attorneys.

AUCTION SALES.

By JOSEPH SABIN,
Auctioneer of Literary Property,
Fourth-st., one door east of Broadway.
On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, Dec 26 and 27, at 7 o'clock,
By order of Administrator, the entire collection of paintings, Sketches &c., of the late
A. VAN BEEST,
comprising, exclusively, the works of that eminent artist.
Also, by order of Executors, the residue of the Gallery of Paintings of the late
WM. E. BURTON.
On view daily until 10 P. M
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, Dec. 28 and 29.
SPECIAL SALE OF
VERY FINE ENGLISH BOOKS.
Catalogues now ready.

WM. ABBOTT, Auctioneer.
PIANOS! PIANOS! PIANOS! PIANOS!
RECEIVER'S SALE OF
FIRST-CLASS SEVEN OCTAVE PIANO FORTES,
At Auction, SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 12 o'clock, at McDonald & Co.'s Piano Warerooms, No. 358 Bowery, to close the estate of Cooper & Atherton. The stock is now ready for examination. Each piano warranted for three years. By order of Judge Leonard
JOHN McDONALD, Receiver.

J. P. MONTGOMERY, Auctioneer.
575 CASES BOOTS, SHOES, AND RUBBERS AT AUCTION—THURSDAY, Dec. 27, at 10½ o'clock A. M., at the store of J. F. DAVIS & CO., No. 16 Cortlandt-st. Also, 150 cases assorted goods partially damaged.

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THROUGH FREIGHT ARRANGEMENT.—For NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH, CITY POINT and RICHMOND, connecting with Norfolk and Petersburg and South Side Railroads for Lynchburg, BRISTOL, MEMPHIS and intermediate stations. Freight received every day and through receipts furnished at Pier No. 13 North River.
Steamship JAMESTOWN, Capt. SKINNER, leaves every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M.
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Freight to Norfolk, 7 cents per foot; to City Point, 8 cents; and to Richmond, 9 cents.
Passage to Norfolk, (stateroom and meals included,) $8; to Petersburg or Richmond, $10. Children between the age of 1 and 12, half price.
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PERSIA, Judkins, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 2.
CANADA, Anderson, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
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FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE,
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5,
The United States Mail Steamer
FULTON,
J. A. WORTON, Commander,
Will sail from Pier No. 37 NORTH RIVER, foot of Beach-st., on SATURDAY, January 5, at noon.
This steamship, (unsurpassed for safety and comfort) has double engines under deck, inclosed by water-tight compartments, which, besides other results, tend, in the event of collision or stranding, to keep the pumps free to work, and secure the safety of vessel and passengers.
Passage in Second Cabin, $75 and $60.
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Agents, No. 7 Broadway.
The steamer ARAGO will sail Feoruary 2.

FOR SAVANNAH AND OTHER POINTS, AS BELOW.—The first-class side-wheel steamship ALABAMA, Capt. GEO. R. SCHENCK, will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 N. R., foot of North Moore-st. Through tickets can be had for the following places:
To New-Orleans $39 75; Mobile, $35; Montgomery, $25; Columbus, $21; Albany, $23; Atlanta, $21; Eufaula, $24; Chattanooga, $22; Nashville, $27 75; Knoxville, $25 50; Memphis, $31 75; Augusta, $17 50; Macon, $20; Savannah, $15. For freight or passage, apply at No. 13 Broadway.
The steamer AUGUSTA, Capt. M. S. WOODHULL, will succeed on SATURDAY, Jan. 5, at 3 P. M.
Agents, SAMUEL L. MITCHILL & SON, New-York. JOHN R. WILDER & GALLIE, Savannah.

SAVANNAH AND THE SOUTH.—THE NEW and elegant steamship HUNTSVILLE, of the American Atlantic Screw Steamship Company, JOHN A. POST, Commander, will leave Pier No. 12, North River, on THURSDAY, Dec 27, at 3 P. M.
The ships of this line are all new, and are not surpassed in elegance, comfort, safety, and speed by any on the Ocean.
Tickets to New-Orleans, $39 75; Mobile, $35; Montgomery, $25; Memphis, $31 75, Nashville, $27 75; Knoxville, $25 50; Chattanooga, $25; Albany, $23; Columbus, $21; Atlanta, $21; Macon, $20; Savannah, $15. Apply to H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West, and No. 335 Broadway.
The MOUNT VERNON succeeds on SATURDAY, Dec. 29.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.—THE British and North American Royal Mail steamship KARNAK, Capt LE MESURIER, will sail for the above ports from the Company's Wharf, at Jersey City, on
TUESDAY..... Dec. 11
TUESDAY..... Jan. 8
TUESDAY..... Feb. 5
RATES OF PASSAGE:
To Nassau..... $45
To Havana..... $60
For freight or passage, apply to E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling green.

JAMAICA AND NEW-YORK SCREW STEAM-PACKET LINE—Carrying the mail, to sail for Kingston, Jamaica, on the 20th of each month. The mail steamship ZULU, Capt. EDWARD GODWIN, will sail for the above port on MONDAY, 21st January. Passage, First Cabin $60; Second Cabin $50; Third Class, $35. For freight or passage apply to WALDEN & BOOTH, Agents, No. 57 Broad-st.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FOR ALBANY AND TROY, CONNECTING WITH TRAINS NORTH AND WEST.—Trains leave:

FROM CHAMBERS-ST.:	FROM 31ST-ST.:
Express, 7 and 11 A. M., and 5:30 P. M.	7:25, 11:30 A. M., and 5:30 P. M.
Troy and Albany, Mail at 3:15 P. M.	3:40 P. M.
Troy and Albany, (with sleeping-car,) 9:45 P. M.	10:15 P.M., (Sundays included.)
Poughkeepsie train, 7:30 A. M. and 1 P. M.	8 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.
Peekskill train, 4 P. M.	4:25 P. M.
Sing Sing train, 10 A. M. and 4:30, 5:30 and 6:40 P.M.	10:25 A.M., and 4:55, 5:05 and 7:10 P. M.

A. F. SMITH, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, HARLEM AND ALBANY RAILROAD.—For Albany and Troy, connecting with the New-York Central Railroad, for all points West, Northwest and Southwest; also with the Northern Railroad for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington, Plattsburgh, House's Point Ogdensburgh and Montreal. Winter arrangement commencing MONDAY, Dec 24, 1860, trains will leave New-York as follows: For Albany—7 A. M. and 4:20 P. M., Express Train from Tryon-row, near City Hall; 7:20 A. M. and 4:45 P. M., Express Train, from 26th st; 10 A. M., Express Mail Train, from Tryon-row; 10:25 A. M., Express Mail Train, from 26th-st. depôt. For Croton Falls, 4 P. M., stopping at all stations above Yorkville, from 26th-st. depôt. For White Plains, 8:15 A. M., 2:30 and 5 P. M., stopping at all stations, from 26th st depôt; 8:15 P. M., stopping at all stations from White-st. depôt. For William's Bridge 11 A. M. and 5:30 P. M., stopping at all stations from 26th-st. depôt.; 11:45 P. M., (Wednesday and Saturdays only,) from 26th-st. depôt. Returning, will leave Albany, 7 A. M. and 4:30 P. M.; East Albany, 7 15 A. M. and 4:45 P. M., Express Train. Albany, 10:45 A. M.; East Albany, 11 A. M., Express Mail Train. Croton Falls, 7 A. M., stopping at all stations north of Tremont. White Plains, 6:45, 7:25 and 10 A. M., and 4:40 P. M., stopping at all stations. Williams' Bridge, 5:30 A. M. and 1 P. M., stopping at all stations; 10 P. M., (Wednesday and Saturday only,) stopping at all stations.
JOHN BURCHILL Asst. Supt.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—Dunkirk Express at 7 A. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, and Canandaigua and principal stations. Mail at 8:45 A. M., for Dunkirk and intermediate stations. This train remains over night at Elmira. Way, at 3:30 P. M., for Middletown, Newburgh and intermediate stations. Night Express, daily, at 5 P. M., for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua and principal stations. The train of Saturday stops at all Mail-train Stations, and runs only to Elmira.
CHARLES MINOT, General Superintendent.

RARITAN AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD—For Long Branch, Shrewsbury, Red Bank, &c. On and after Sept. 10, cars will leave Long Branch daily, at 7½ A. M., connecting with steamboat TAMINEND, for New-York. Returning the TAMINEND will leave foot of Robinson-st. at 2½ P. M., connecting with cars for the above places.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—TRAINS LEAVE South Ferry, Brooklyn, for Greenport, at 10 A. M.; North Islip, 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M., (Saturdays the 3:30 train runs to Yaphank;) Syosset, 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; Hempstead, 10 A. M., 3:30 and 5 P. M.; Jamaica, 10 A. M., 3:30, 5 and 6:30 P. M.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST, FROM JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line.—Leaves New-York at 7, 9 and 11 A. M., 4 and 6 P. M., fare $3; 12 M., fare $2 25. Through baggage checked in 7 A. M. and 6 P. M.

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FIFTY-THIRD DIVIDEND
BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Ten (10) per cent. on the capital stock out of the profits of the last six months, payable on and after the day of January next, at their office, No. 16 Merchants' Exchange, New-York. The transfer books will be closed on the 30th inst. By order
WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

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EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK—NO. 3 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 14th, 1860.
DIVIDEND.—The Depositors are hereby notified that a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, on all sums of $500 and under, and FIVE PER CENT. on all sums over that amount, which have been deposited at least three months previous to the 1st of JANUARY, will be allowed to depositors payable on and after the 21st of January, during the hours of business, at the bank.
All interest not called for will remain as principal, and draw interest from the 1st of January. Bank open, daily, from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 P. M.
PETER H. TITUS, President.
C. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK, NO 1 THIRD-AVENUE.—Interest commences on Jan. 1 on all deposits made to that date.
A dividend will be paid on and after Jan 21 on all deposits entitled to the same, at the rate of 6 per cent. on sums of $500 and under, and 5 per cent. on sums over $500
Bank open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 o'clock.
THOS. B. STILLMAN, President,
P. W. ENOS Vice-President,
CHAS MILLS, Vice-President.
ISAAC T. SMITH, Secretary.

DIME SAVINGS.—UNION DIME SAVINGS Bank No. 429 Canal-st., corner of Varick st., open daily from 10 to 2 and 5 to 7 P. M. Six per cent. interest allowed. Ten cents deposited each day for 10½ years with interest added, amounts to $521 13. This Bank has received, in 18½ months, from 4,710 depositors $363 103 87
INSTANCES OF SAVINGS.—A boy made his first deposit of 10 cents, on the 14th day of last July, and has now saved $45 32. A mechanic deposited $5, May 18, 1859, and by weekly deposits, has now in the bank $312, with many similar cases E. V. HAUGHWOUT,
G. S. CHAPIN, Secretary. President.

OFFICE CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI R. CO., CLEVELAND, Dec 18, 1860.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9, 1861.
The transfer books will be closed from and after Dec. 29, 1860, until Jan. 10, 1861.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

WESTERN VERMONT RAILROAD.—PURsuant to the order of the Court of Chancery, of the State of Vermont, a Dividend of Three and One-half (3½) per Cent. on the principal of the First Mortgage Bonds upon said Railroad, will be paid at the Mechanics' Bank in the City of New-York, on and after the first day of January, 1861, to the order of such persons as have heretofore proved their bonds.
SHEPPARD KNAPP, GEORGE BRIGGS, } Trustees.
DEC. 12, 1860.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH R. CO., CLEVELAND, Nov. 27, 1860.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company, for the election of twelve Directors, and the transaction of other business will be held at the Office of the Company, in Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of January next, at 12 o'clock A. M.
The Transfer Books will be closed on the 29th December, and open on the 9th of January.
B. ROCKWELL, Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK—NO. 13 AV. A, between 1st and 2d sts.
Open daily from 9 a. M. to 1 P. M., and from 5 to 8 P. M. Six per cent. interest allowed on all sums under $500, and five per cent. on larger amounts.
Deposits of any amount received, from 50 cents upwards.
All money deposited now will draw interest from the 1st of January. GEO FOLSOM, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Cashier and Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, No 88 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Dec 24, 1860
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of six per cent. out of the earnings of the Road for the six months ending 31st inst, payable to stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 2d January, 1861. The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Dec. 26 to Jan. 4. JOS. F. JOY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CINCINNATI, HAMILTON & DAYTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 1860.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE holders of the Dayton and Michigan Railroad Company's bonds, numbered 934 to 982, inclusive, that the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company will purchase said Bonds at eighty cents on the dollar, according to the contract between said Companies, dated Feb. 9, 1859, if presented at the office of E. S. Bell, No 158 Pearl-st, New-York, within sixty days after the date of this notice. F. H. SHORT, Secty.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 20 WARREN-ST.—Interest allowed at the rate of 6 per cent. on sums from $1 to $500, and 5 per cent on sums over that amount. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. Also, on Monday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 7 P. M. N. B.—Money to loan on bond and mortgage
JOHN CASTREE, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

BROADWAY BANK, NEW YORK, Dec. 19, 1860.
TWENTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-annual dividend of Five (5) per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after the 2d day of January ensuing. The transfer books will remain closed until that date. By order of the Board
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

ROSE HILL SAVINGS BANK, CORNER of 18th-st. and 8th-av. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M.; on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, until 7 P. M. Deposits from 10 cents to $5,000 received. Interest will be allowed at the rate of 6 per Cent. on sums of $500 and under. Deposits made on or before the 10th day of January, will draw interest from the 1st.
RICHARD H. BULL, Secretary.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK—NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1860.—The Board of Directors have declared a Dividend from the net profits of this Bank, of Three and one-half per cent., payable on and after the 2d day of January next, until which date the Transfer Books will be closed.
A. MASTERTON, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Bank of New-York have this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Bank, for the current six months, payable to the Stockholders on and after the 2d January, 1861. The transfer books will be closed from this date until 5th January, 1861. W. B. MSEKES, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEC. 22, 1860.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Three and One-half Per Cent. on the capital of this Bank, has this day been declared, payable on and after the 2d day of January next. By order,
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S BANK OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1860.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Three and One-half (3½) per Cent. on the capital stock of this Bank out of the profits of the present six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after the 2d day of January next. The transfer Books will be closed till Jan 3. By order of the Board,
G. W. LEAKE, Cashier.

AN ELECTION OF FIVE TRUSTEES OF the New-York Balance Dock Company, will be held at the office of the Company No. 12 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M and 1 P. M., on the second Wednesday of January.
JAMES BLICHOLM, Secretary.
Dated NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1860.

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK GAS LIGHT CO., DEC. 26, 1860.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors of this Company will be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of January next, from 11 to 12 o'clock A. M. at the office No. 174 Centre-st. The transfer books will be closed from the 27th inst. until after the election. By order. C. L. EVERITT, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST ON Michigan State Bonds falling due Jan 1, 1861 will be paid at the Banking-house of James G. King's Sons, No. 53 William-st., New-York City.
JOHN McKINNEY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 25, 1860. State Treasurer, Michigan.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES OF THE METALLIC CAR SPRING COMPANY, of New-York, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 64 William-st., on MONDAY, December 31, at 12 o'clock, M. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. By order of Board of Trustees. RICHARD VOSE, Sec'y.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK—NO. 687 4TH-ST., NEAR AV. D.—Change of hours—Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. and on Mondays and Saturdays from 5 to 7 P. M. Interest allowed on deposits made on Wednesday, Jan 2, 1861. By order,
ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE SEMI ANNUAL INTEREST DUE Jan. 1, 1861, on bonds of the Joliet and Chicago Railroad Company will be paid on presentation of the proper coupons, on and after Jan. 2, at the office of M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 44 Exchange-place.
GEORGE BARNET, President.

JERSEY CITY WATER LOAN BONDS.—The Coupons due Jan. 1, 1861, on these bonds, will be paid after that day at the Continental Bank, in the City of New-York, and at the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, Jersey City.
D. S. GREGORY,
President Board Water Commissioners.
JERSEY CITY, Dec. 26, 1860.

CHEMICAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1860.
THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF this bank have this day declared a quarterly dividend of *six* (6) per cent, payable to stockholders on and after Wednesday, the 2d day of January next.
By order of C. G. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Coupons due 1st of January, 1861, on $400,000 First Mortgage Bonds of that Company will be paid after that day, at the office of
SCHUCHARDT & GEBHARD.

GREEN COUNTY BONDS, ILLINOIS.—The interest warrants on above Bonds due in New-York Jan 1, 1861, will be paid on presentation at our office on and after Jan. 2.
M. K. JESSUP & CO., No. 44 Exchange-place.

FINANCIAL.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., BANKERS, corner of Pine and Nassau sts., New-York, issue Circular Notes and Letters of Credit for travelers, available in the United States, Canada, West Indies, South America, and all the principal cities of the world. Also, Mercantile Credits for use in Europe, China, &c. &c.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Auctioneer.
WILL SELL THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 27, at 12½ o'clock, at the stock salesroom, No. 52 William-st.:
REGULAR SALE.

Shares.		Shares.	
50	Am. Ex. Bank	100	
10	Knickerbocker Fire Insurance	100	
10	Home Insurance	100	
10	6th Av. Railroad	100	
50	Lorillard's Ins.	25	
50	Brooklyn Gas-Light	50	
10	Clinton Insurance	100	
50	Firemen's Ins.	17	
40	Coal Mut. Ins.	100	
20	Brevoort Ins.	50	
50	Exchange Ins.	100	
10	Bank of Commerce	100	
40	Mech. & Trad. Ins.	25	
20	Continental Ins.	100	
40	St. Mark's Insurance	25	
40	Stuyvesant Ins.	25	
20	Mer. Mut. Ins.	100	
20	Germania Ins.	50	
25	American Tel. Co.	100	
20	Manhattan Ins.	50	
50	Peoples' Ins.	50	
20	Washington Ins.	50	
75	Excelsior Ins.	50	
40	American Ex. Ins	100

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Anglo-Saxon at Portland, and the Canada at Halifax.

£190,000 in Specie.

CONCLUSION OF PEACE WITH THE CHINESE

Reported Attempt to Assassinate Garibaldi.

The American ship Georgian Burnt at Sea.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

PORTLAND, Me., Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The Canadian screw-steamship *Anglo-Saxon*, Capt. BALLANTINE, from Liverpool *via* Londonderry on the 14th inst., arrived at this port at 10 o'clock last evening. Her dates are two days later than per late arrivals.

The steamship *Trutonia*, from New-York, arrived at Cowes on the 14th inst.

The Earl of ABERDEEN is dead.

The China mail had reached Marseilles, and was due in London on the 15th inst.

The bombardment of Gaeta had recommenced.

The bullion in the Bank of France had decreased 5,660,000 francs during the month.

LATEST NEWS.

LONDONDERRY, Friday, Dec 14.

The London *Times'* City article, of last evening, says:

"The funds this morning opened without alteration and were steady throughout the day, the market being supported by a further influx of gold into the Bank of England, and the announcement of a large specie arrival by the West India mail. The demand for discount was small, and the general rate in the market was 4½ per cent. About £400,000 in fine gold was taken to the Bank to day. A few parcels of sovereigns were withdrawn for America. The Exchange quotations from the Continent show firmness. The prospectus of the new Turkish loan attracts great attention, but there is no signs that the contemplated subscription will be obtained in this country. The railway market closed quiet but steady. Canadian and American railway stocks have improved. PARIS, Friday, Dec. 14.

The monthly return of the Bank of France shows a decrease in cash of two and three-fifths millions of francs; bills discounted, not yet due, one hundred and twenty-four millions of francs; advances, six and a quarter millions of francs; current accounts, nineteen and three-fourth millions of francs; bank-notes, nine and a quarter millions of francs; increase in the treasury balance, three and a quarter millions of francs.

The Allied army commenced their advance on the same day that Peking was taken. The Summer palace of the Emperor was taken and completely sacked, affording an immense amount of spoils. The chief share of the plunder appears to have fallen to the French. A quantity of the treasure taken is to be divided between the French and English. Some privates are said to have sold their share for thirty thousand francs. The entire British share, including both treasure and private property, is estimated at about £50,000.

The Tartar army is still in the field, though the Emperor has fled.

The Empress of France had arrived home.

BY THE CANADA AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Wednesday, Dec. 2?.

The Cunard steamship *Canada*, from Liverpool, Saturday, Dec. 15, *via* Queenstown 16th, has arrived at this port. She has £190,000 in specie on board.

The *Canada* arrived here at 11 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning, and sailed again at 1 P. M., for Boston, where she will be due at an early hour to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

The *Canada* reports: passed on the evening of the 16th, the steamship *Africa*, from New-York for Liverpool; and at 10 P. M. 19th, passed the *Arabia*, from Boston for Liverpool,

The general news possesses some interest.

The ship *Georgiana*, from New-Orleans, from Liverpool, was burnt at sea Nov. 20. Crew saved.

A dispatch from Peking *via* St. Petersburg states that peace had been concluded with the Chinese, and the Emperor had returned to his palace.

Passengers by the steamship *Canada* say that it was rumored at Queenstown that GARIBALDI had been assassinated.

The reports by the *Canada* report that Col. DUNN, of the Sicilian army, had been wounded in an attempt to assassinate him. The rumor of the assassination of GARIBALDI probably arose from this circumstance.

Among the passengers by the *Canada* is Rev. Father CHINIQUY.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 16.

It is again reported that the passport system between England and France is to be abolished.

The official dispatches from China are received. They fully corroborate the dispatches already published. A postscript dated the 14th of October, from Gen. GRANT, states that the remaining prisoners have not been liberated. They numbered two thousand.

The Pontifical troops are about to march against the town of Pouterovo to overthrow the "Provisional Government" established there.

Intelligence was received at the Foreign office yesterday afternoon, through St. Petersburgh, dated Peking, November 9. It states that a peace was concluded with China on the 26th of October, and that the ratifications of it were exchanged on the 5th of November. The French and English forces had evacuated Peking, and the Emperor was expected to return to the capital immediately.

LIVERPOOL, Sunday, Dec. 16.

An American ship was seen burnt to the water's edge, Nov. 21, by the ship *C. C. Duncan*, which has arrived at this port.

Later.—The ship *Georgiana*, Capt. SALTER, was burnt at sea Nov. 20, lat. 3° 46', N. long. 60° 20'. The crew were saved by the ship *Levi Woodbury*, from New-Orleans, for Liverpool, and landed here to-day.

Commercial News by the Anglo-Saxon.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Dec. 14.

The sales of cotton for the week have been 55,600 bales, including 7,500 to speculators and 4,500 to exporters. The market has been quiet, and the quotations barely maintained with a partial slight decline on all qualities. The sales on Friday, reached 10,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters. The market closed steady at the following authorized quotations:

	Fair.	Middling.
Orleans	7¾d.	6¾d.
Mobile	7¾ d.	6¾d.
Uplands	7¾d.	6¾d.

The total stock in port is estimated at 567,000 bales, inclusive of 444,000 bales of American.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

The Breadstuffs market was quiet at the opening. Wheat was firm, and holders demand an advance on 2ns.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

The Provision market was generally dull.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Consols closed on Friday noon at 92¾@92¾ for Account, ex dividend.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

The latest sales were: Illinois Central Shares, 27¼@27¾ discount; Erie Shares, 35¾; New-York Central, 78@80.

Commercial News by the Canada.

The weekly Cotton market was received per *Anglo Saxon*, at Portland.

The advices from Manchester are unfavorable. Cotton goods have a downward tendency, and there is a slight decline on all qualities.

HAVRE COTTON MARKET.—Orleans *très ordinaire* quoted at f.98.; *bon*, 1.01. The market is firm. The sales of the week foot up 7,500 bales. The stock in port amounts to 120,000.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.—The market is generally steady. WAKEFIELD, NASH & Co. report: Flour has an upward tendency, with an improved demand; quoted at 28s.@31s. 6d. Wheat quiet and steady; Red Western, 11s.@12s. 9d.; White, 12s.@13s. 3d. Corn quiet; Mixed and Yellow, 36s. 6d.@38s. 6d. RICHARDSON, SPENCE & Co. report: Flour has a declining tendency, and prices have receded 6d. per bbl. since Tuesday's market. Other breadstuffs steady; prices easier but unchanged.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.—Provisions generally dull. BIGLAND, ASHTA & Co. and others report Beef dull. Pork dull. Bacon quiet; fair qualities are wanted. Lard quiet; at retail, quotations are 68s.@70s. Tallow quiet at 56s.@56s.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.—The *Brokers' Circular* reports: Ashes—Pots quiet at 28s. 6d.@29s.; Pearls quiet at 29s.@29s. 6d. Sugar dull. Coffee steady. Rice easy and slightly declined. Oils quiet; Cod, 37s; Linseed, 30s. 3d., closing dull. Resin heavy, and holders are pressing on the market, owing to large arrivals, and a slight decline has taken place; common quoted at 4s. 9d.@5s., closing with sellers at 4s. 9d. Spirits Turpentine heavy at 32s.@32s. 6d.; buyers demand a reduction.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

BARING BROTHERS' report WHEAT quiet but advanced 1d. per qr. for foreign; white American 61s.@64s.; red 57s.@61s. FLOUR 28s.@32s. IRON dull at £5 5s. £5 10 for rails and bars. SUGAR dull and partially declined ¼d. COFFEE steady. RICE dull. TALLOW quiet but steady, at 60s.@60s. 3d. SPIRITS TURPENTINE dull at 32s@32s. 6d. FISH OIL quiet, Linseed 29s. LINSEED CAKE declined 5s. TEA dull. Common Congo 1s.2d.@1s.2½d., and nominal.

HAVRE MARKET.

(Week including 12th.) BREADSTUFFS steady; there has been a slight decline on American WHEAT to arrive. ASHES dull. COFFEE steady. OILS—quotations are barely mentioned. RICE firm. SUGAR quiet.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

The Money market is generally unchanged, with a more brisk demand. Consols closed at 92¾@92¾ for account, ex-dividend. The weekly return of the Bank of England shows a decrease in Bullion of £218,000. BARING BROS quote bar silver at 5s 1¾d.; Mexican dollars, 5s. 2¾d, and nominal American Eagles, 76s. 5d.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

BARING reports U. S. Fives of '65, 93@93¾; Massachusetts Fives Bonds, 101; Pennsylvania Fives Bonds of '77, 84; ao. Fives, 86; Erie Railroad, 34¾; Illinois Central, 27¾ discount.

LATEST MARKETS VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

The sales of Cotton on Saturday reached 15 000 bales, including 7,000 to speculators and exporters. The market closed firm.

WHEAT firm, with an improved tendency.

The PROVISION market was dull.

LONDON, Saturday evening.

CONSOLS closed at 92¾@92¾ for account, ex dividend.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

The latest sales were Illinois Central 26¾ discount, Erie Railroad 35¾, New-York Central 78@80.

PARIS, Saturday evening.

The Bourse closed dull; Rentes 69f. 80c.

Arrival of the Canada at Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The steamship *Canada*, from Liverpool *via* Halifax, arrived at this port at 8 o'clock this evening, too late for her mails to be forwarded South. They will be forwarded to-morrow morning.

OBITUARY.

Death of the Earl of Aberdeen.

GEORGE HAMILTON GORDON, fourth Earl of Aberdeen in the Scotch Peerage, and first Viscount GORDON of Aberdeen in the English, whose death is announced in the last advices from Europe, was born on the 28th of January, 1764, and would consequently have been 77 years of age had he lived for another month. His life has been a long succession of places, trusts and honors, obtained more through family influence than by any very decided personal abilities; but, with the exception of his conduct in the Crimean war, it may be claimed by his friends that he proved himself equal, in one fashion or the other, to every responsibility devolved on him. He was educated first at Harrow, and subsequently at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1804 with no particular distinction, having three years previously succeeded his grandfather in the Scottish honors of the family. In this year, also, he visited Greece, and on his return founded a club in London called the Athenian, of which none but men who had visited Greece could be eligible as members. He also became a somewhat prominent contributor to the *Edinburgh Review*; and it was to this circumstance, and to a real or fancied personal slight inflicted on the sensitive bard, that he owes the questionable immortality of the place assigned to him by his relative, BYRON, in the satire of "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers."

It was in 1806 that the Earl of ABERDEEN merged into political life, being elected, though only twenty-two years of age, to a seat in the British House of Peers—an honor which he retained until made a peer of the United Kingdom eight years afterwards. Allying himself from the outset to the extreme high tory interest, he made his maiden speech in 1811, was appointed Ambassador, or rather Secret Envoy to Austria in 1813 by Viscount CASTLEREAGH; and assisted, by the treaty concluded at Toplitz, in detaching Austria from the alliance with NAPOLEON, and uniting her arms to those of England. He continued in this branch of the diplomatic service for some time, taking part in important negotiations; but in the year 1828 he was offered and accepted the portfolio of Foreign Affairs in a Cabinet having the Duke of WELLINGTON at its head. It was in this year that the long war of Greek Independence was settled in favor of the Greeks by the battle of Navarino—an event very pleasing to the people of England, but denounced in the royal speech as "an untoward event." This phrase, for which the Earl of ABERDEEN was held popularly responsible, never ceased to be a thorn in his side during the balance of his public life. In this Cabinet the Earl took part in the abolition of the Test and Corporation acts, and the granting of Catholic Emancipation; but on the defeat of the Duke of WELLINGTON'S Ministry by the passage of the Reform Bill, the Earl of course was thrown out of office and entered vigorously into the opposition with Sir ROBERT PEEL, to whose skirts he seems always to have clung in latter years. In the brief Ministry formed by PEEL and WELLINGTON, in 1831, ABERDEEN was Colonial Secretary; and in 1841, when PEEL again took office, the Earl resumed his post as Secretary of Foreign Affairs, his policy, it has been charged, always inclining to the side of Absolutism. In 1656 he supported PEEL in the repeal of the Corn laws, and went out of power after the success of that measure; but in 1851 he was asked by the Queen to join Sir JAMES GRAHAM in the formation of a Cabinet—a request respectfully declined. It was in 1852, on the downfall of the Derby-Disraeli Ministry, that Lord ABERDEEN became Prime Minister, his Administration lasting until the February of 1855, and having been made memorable for the commencement under it, in 1854, of the Crimean war, which ended in the surrender of Sepastopol. During all this war, into which the Earl had only been forced by the inexorable demands of British public opinion, it was freely charged by those opposed to him, and widely believed by the British people of almost all ranks and degrees, that his sympathies, like those of Prince ALBERT, were with the Czar and that he desired nothing more earnestly than some signal disaster on the side of the Allies, so as to save Russia the humiliation of having to surrender after a defeat. The utter imbecility and dilitoriness of the British Government in the prosecution of this war, while ABERDEEN remained in power, would seem to favor a belief in the justice of the popular suspicions; but on the other hand, it must be remembered that both the army and navy of England had been grievously impaired as to efficiency by a peace of nearly thirty years. That Queen VICTORIA and the Court party were satisfied with his conduct, however, may be inferred from the fact that on his final retirement from public station in 1855, he was created Knight of the Garter.

The more personal history of the Earl may be summed up as follows: In 1803, being then nineteen years of age, he married CATHERINE ELIZABETH eldest surviving daughter of the first Marquis of Abercorn—this lady dying in 1812 and leaving him no children. In 1815 his lordship again married HARRIET, daughter of Hon. JOHN DOUGLAS, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. Of non-political honors, the late Earl was President of the British Institution, Chancellor of King's College, Aberdeen; Lord-Lieutenant of his county; Fellow of the Royal and Historical Societies; Knight of the Tower, and held in high esteem by all men of intelligence and artistic cultivation, as a liberal, judicious and appreciative patron of sculpture, painting and the *belles-lettres*. There are many literary men and artists who will have deep cause to regret his death, even taking place as it has done, "in the fullness of years and honors."

Reported Burning of a Steamer at Sea, and Probable Loss of Life.

The ship *Scarge*, from Calcutta for Boston, was spoken on the 19th inst., close to Fishing Rip, by the *Ann Elizabeth*, at Salem, and made the following report:

"Saw a steamer on fire N. N. E. of Bermuda. Ran for, it blowing a gale of wind at the time. When about a quarter of a mile from her, heard the cries of people in the water. Rounded to and tried to get to them, but could not. Laid by the steamer until 5 A. M., when she sank. Kept near the same position to try and save some of the people for two days, but saw nothing but lemons, oranges, and punchoons, apparently rum. The steamer looked like an iron vessel."

As there is no steamer reported as missing from this or neighboring ports, it is surmised that the unfortunate vessel referred to in the above report, judging from the position where she was seen, must have been one of the Bermuda or Halifax mail steamers, or possibly one of the English West India liners. The time when the burning steamer was seen is not given.

Arrivals in the City.

Hon. Geo. Bliss, of Massachusetts; Paymaster Cunningham, of the Navy; Capt. George Potter, of Boston; L. Sturtevant, of New-Orleans, and S. R. Van Duser, of Nebraska Territory, are at the Astor House.

Dr. Williams, of Indiana; T. M. Beamkall, of Boston; Lieut. Fitz Lee, of the U. S. A., and C. L. Jerome, of New-Orleans, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

E. Salmon, of New Orleans; Lieut. J. S. C. Morton, of the U. S. A.; G. Bacon, G. B. Drivvell and E. Cutler, of Boston, are at the Everett House.

Mayor Cranston, of Newport; Ramon Farrell, of Havana, and Guande Berrego, of Puerto Rico, are at the Lafarge House.

R. P. Frierson, of Tennessee, and R. Saxton, of the U. S. A., are at the Fifth avenue Hotel.

R. Cheney, of San Francisco, and C. Bunce, of England, are at the Everett House.

CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE GOVERNMENT FAST—EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR 1860—VOTES OF THANKS.

A special meeting of this Board—the last for 1860—was held last evening, the President, Mr. CURTIS, in the Chair.

A communication was received from two Trustees of the Fourth Ward, stating that the average attendance at the evening schools of that Ward, on which the appportionment of teachers is made, was not more than one-half the number set forth in the communication of the other school officers of the Ward, sent to the Board at the last meeting, and that the number of teachers nominated by them was therefore twice as large as the Ward was entitled to. Referred.

The resolution offered at the last meeting by Mr. WATERBURY, to close the public schools on the day of the President's Fast, coming up, Mr. WARREN opposed it with warmth, protesting that there was no occasion to turn the 60,000 children of this City out for a holiday, because the old man who now occupies the Presidential chair, having failed to perform his duty, had seen fit to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. "God knows," said he, "that before the Winter is out there will be plenty of fasting; and for every blessing that is asked for the President of the United States, ten thousand curses will be called down upon his head."

Mr. GLOVER here called the gentleman to order. As a citizen of the United States he did not choose to sit there and hear the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, and a large portion of the people, reviled and insulted, merely because their political predilections differed from the gentleman's.

Mr. WARREN, after some further remarks in a more moderate tone, took his seat.

Mr. BENEDICT said he did not entirely sympathize with the tone of his colleague's remarks, (Mr. WARREN.) He apprehended that prayer and fasting would do no one any hurt, if it did no good, and as the appointment emanated from the President of the United States, he thought a becoming respect for that high officer demanded that it should be treated with respect.

Mr. WATERBURY said that in offering the resolution he had not the remotest idea that it would meet with a word of opposition from any quarter. No one could deny that great and threatening evils impended over our National Government, and if the condition of things now existing and in progress were to continue, it would certainly result in calamities from which every patriot, whatever might be his politics, would shrink with dismay.

After some further discussion, in which Messrs. GRAHAM and GOULD supported, and Messrs. FAIRMAN and STAFFORD opposed the last, the resolution was adopted by a vote of 31 to 8. Among the nays was Commissioner TUCKER, who explained his vote by saying that in his opinion the country was "past praying for." Mr. GREGORY, also voted nay, because he intended to eat as much as usual on that day, and would not vote for a fast that he did not design to observe.

The Finance Committee reported the following statement of the expenses of the Public School Department for the past year:

Balance due to over appropriations for 1859	$31,111 74
School fund for 1860	$1,278,781,00
Total amount available for 1860	$1,247,669,26

EXPENSES FOR 1860.

For teachers and janitors in Ward Schools.	$703 928 70
Support of the Free Academy	47,725 51
Repairs to Free Academy	752 91
Support of Normal Schools	8,427 81
Support of Evening Schools	68,042 00
Repairs through the "Shop"	10,335 43
Supplies for Ward Schools through the Depository	64,350 31
Rent of School Premises	15,278 89
Salaries of Officers and Clerks of Board of Education	25 731 60
Incidental expenses of the Board	15,935 04
Apportionment to Corporate Schools	29,236 37
Amount appropriated for special purposes, including erection of school-houses, repairs, &c	161,979 91
For prizes in Ward Schools	10,000 00
Total	$1,261,619 97
Deducting available fund as above	1,247,669 26
Balance against the Board	$13,950 71

The report was adopted.

A resolution to pay the Fourth Ward teachers for the two months' service, during which they were declined by the Board to have been illegally appointed, was lost.

A resolution of thanks to the President of the Board was unanimously adopted, and elicited an eloquent and feeling response from the Chair.

A resolution of thanks to the Finance Committee for the faithful manner in which they had performed their duties, was also adopted.

Mr. GREGORY moved a vote of thanks to the Committee on Supplies, the only Committee that had failed to expend the entire appropriation made for their use. Adopted.

The Board then adjourned *sine die*.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

The weekly meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration was held yesterday. The weekly statement shows that there have been 1,339 arrivals of emigrants since the last report. Amount received for commutation of passengers, $3,480; disbursements, as per previous account, to Dec. 19, $254,130; current expenses, $3,005 11. Total, $257,141 11. Balance, $7,448 76.

Mr. ELLINGWOOD, member elect of the State Assembly, was present, and had some conference with the Board upon the subject of the sale of the old Quarantine property. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of drafting a bill to be presented to the Legislature for the sale of the late Marine Hospital grounds and the location of a new Quarantine, and the erection of a new Marine Hospital, be referred to the President and Counsel to the Board.

The Board denied the report that there had been any proposal to lease premises in Ward's Island, by the Board of Charities and Corrections, for the accommodation of emigrant lunatics whose proper care devolved upon them as the Commissioners of Emigration. Adjourned.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

NATIONAL GYMNASIUM EXHIBITION.—The exhibition of feats of force and endurance at BEACH'S National Gymnasium, in Knickerbocker Hall, corner of Eighth-avenue and Twenty-third street, last evening, attracted a very large audience, of which the fair constituted a fair proportion. Entertainments of this character always find favor with the ladies. The weaker sex admire strength in man, and in the struggle to win woman's smiles, the battle is generally to the strong; for muscular vigor in a measure underlies all effort, mental, moral, and physical. "*Mens sana in corpore sano*" is a wise saw with many modern instances. The entertainment last evening was uncommonly good. A chosen *corps* of the numerous members of the Gymnasium, led by Mr. BEACH, the Gymnasiarch, executed acts as amateurs that many a professional would hesitate to undertake. Most noted among them were Messrs. WEIR, RYDER, HALSTEAD, LEFFERTS, LEVICK, BOGERT, CHEVALIER, and others, who, in private circles, have earned a robust reputation as gymnasts. Mr. HALSTEAD, who, in humorous vein, performed such fantastic tricks as kept the audience in a roar, seemed a Hercules and Momus rolled into one. Withal Apollo graced the sports of the two Titans, and ravishing music added its charms. It was a pleasant holiday gathering, and to all appearances was vastly enjoyed.

SURPRISE AND CAPTURE OF BURGLARS.—Last night, about 9 o'clock, Officer COHEN, of the First Ward, discovered an unusual light in the dry goods store No. 98 Pine-street, and upon looking through the key-hole discovered two fellows at work at the safe. Finding the door unfastened, he entered the store and arrested the thieves, who gave their names as JOHN STANLEY and CHARLES STEWART. They had forced open the safe, and taken therefrom about $90. The proprietor of the place lives in Brooklyn, and his coat, with the keys of the store in the pockets, was stolen early in the evening from his dwelling. The regular keys of the door were found in the lock, but the coat was missing.

TERRIBLE DEATH OF A DRUNKARD.—Coroner O'KEEFE yesterday held an inquest at the seamen's boarding-house, No. 37 Cherry-street, upon the remains of JAMES MATHEWS, a sailor, who was found dead in the rear yard of the premises in question. From the fact that the body exhibited terrible injuries about the face, it was at first supposed that the deceased had been murdered and thrown from an upper window of the house, consequently the keeper of the place was taken into custody. The evidence showed, however, that the man, while intoxicated, had fallen out of the window, and his death had resulted in that way. The boarding house keeper was therefore discharged from arrest.

SUICIDE OF A PATIENT AT THE JEWS' HOSPITAL.—ELIAS KEMP, an old man, who, for nearly a year past, has been an inmate of the Jews' Hospital, No. 140 West Twenty-eighth-street, under treatment for spinal disease, died on Tuesday in consequence of a razor-wound in his throat, which he had inflicted last Sunday with the object of taking his life. The fact that his disease had recently assumed unfavorable symptoms, and the physician had pronounced him incurable, led him to commit the act. Coroner O'KEEFE held an inquest upon the body. Deceased was a native of Poland.

INJURED IN A FIREMEN'S FIGHT.—On Tuesday afternoon an attack was made at the corner of Tenth-avenue and Seventeenth-street, upon the members of Fire Engine Company No. 34, while they were running to a fire in the Third District, by a number of rowdies whose sympathies were with a rival organization. Bricks, stones and other missiles were hurled by the assailants, and in their own defence the firemen turned upon the ruffians, and caused them to beat a retreat. In the affray Mr. ROGERS, the Assistant Foreman of the Fire Company, was severely cut about the head and hands. No arrests were made.

FATAL RESULT OF INTEMPERANCE.—WILLIAM FLETCHER, an Englishman, 35 years of age, residing at No. 22 Harrison street, went home grossly intoxicated on Tuesday night, and while endeavoring to ascend the stairs leading to the second story of the house, he fell backwards to the bottom. The fall caused a fracture of his skull, and after lingering several hours in a state of insensibility, his death occurred. Coroner O'KEEFE held an inquest in the case.

LECTURES.—Rev. Mr. LORD delivers the closing lecture of his popular course this evening at Clinton Hall. Dr. FOSTER lectures on *Reforms* this evening in Brooklyn, for the benefit of the Festival Extraordinary. It will be remembered that the benefit festival for the Nursery and Child's Hospital, comes off this afternoon and evening at Niblo's Garden. Punch and Judy, *Aunt Sally* and *Santa Claus* will all be on hand to do their utmost to please the large and little folks. HOOLEY & CAMPBELL'S Minstrels give a performance this afternoon, the proceeds of which go to the benefit of the same institution.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EXEMPT ENGINE COMPANY.—The following gentlemen were elected officers of the above Company last evening for the ensuing year: Foreman, Zophar Mills; First Assistant, James Millward; Second Assistant, John J. Gorman; Third Assistant, James Y. Watkins; Secretaries, T. M. Tallman, J. H. Bull.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Medical and Surgical Staff of the Charity Hospital of the New-York Medical College have appointed Messrs. CALHOUN HILL, of N. C., and J. H. GUILD, of Vermont, House Physicians, and J. E. LYNCH, Ohio, and WM. BALSER, New-York, House Surgeons,—in connection with the Hospital.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

The Murder in the Eastern District.

INVESTIGATION BEFORE THE CORONER.

Coroner MURPHY, yesterday, impanneled a jury, and proceeded to hold an inquest on the body of JOSEPH O'NEILL who was killed in the Barracks, on Tuesday night last, as is alleged, by LOUIS HURSCH.

The following named persons were sworn as jurors: Garret G. Schoonmaker, A. B Rymen, James M. Candie, John McDonald, James Breeky, William Foster, Charles Wyles, Stephen McGrath, Edward Muck.

THE TESTIMONY.

Daniel Leary sworn—He testified that he knew deceased and was with him, at witness' house, in South Fifth-street, until two o'clock P. M. on Tuesday: there was a quarrel ten minutes after this, corner of South Fifth and First streets; young Kennedy was the only person engaged in that quarrel that witness knew; did not see the origin of the affray; Kennedy was carried away bleeding; O'Neill was with witness when a little girl came along and said the e was a fight up stairs; O'Neill and witness went up as far as Mr. Hursch's premises; the prisoner was standing there; a dispute arose between the father of prisoner and people standing there; witness left, leaving deceased behind; as he reached the lower landing deceased came down and said he was stabbed.

Edward McCloud, sworn—Resides at No. 9 South Fifth-street; witness testified that at about two o'clock there was an argument between Louis Hursch and Pat Kennedy; Kennedy asked Hursch if he had not said he was the best man in South Fifth-street; some indefinite reply was made, when Hursch cut Pat under the ear with a knife; Hursch then ran, and Kennedy's brother followed him; witness then laid hold of John Kennedy; Hursch ran into his room, and the crowd followed; his father whirling a stick over his head, threatened to use it; he said, "McCloud, take O'Neill out—he's going to kill me;" O'Neill then put his hand to his abdomen and said he was stabbed.

Dr. N. W. Laytin sworn—Examined the deceased, and found five wounds in the small bowels, which protruded. This witness testified in detail as to the character of the wounds, and stated that the immediate cause of death was hemorrhage of the bowels.

Dr. North corroborated the testimony of this witness. A sacemakers' skiving-knife was shown, which the medical witnesses said could have inflicted the wounds found on the body of deceased.

John Kennedy was the only other witness placed on the stand whose testimony bore at all upon the case. The substance of his testimony is as follows: At about two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, he, with his brother, Patrick Kennedy, went to the corner of First and South Fifth streets, where they came across the prisoner and several other persons; his brother had an "argument" with deceased, and blows were passed; "knowing," he says, that his brother could take care of himself, he crossed the street, and upon looking back saw his brother bleeding freely from a wound inflicted near his left ear by Hursch; the latter immediately ran, and went to the rooms occupied by his (Hursch's) father, on the second or third floor of the "Barracks;" to this point the crowd followed, bent upon getting hold of young Hursch; the crowd went up stairs, and, bursting the door in, O'Neill, who happened to be one of the leaders, was the first to get punished for his temerity in entering Hursch's private castle.

All of the parties it appears were under the influence of liquor.

At this stage of the proceeding the Coroner adjourned the inquest until to day at 12 o'clock M.

LOUIS HURSCH is a young man, not more than 22 years of age, of German parentage. His father and mother were present during the investigation, and manifested great interest in the proceedings while, on the contrary, the accused, their son, maintained a cool indifference, to all outward appearance.

The investigation was held at Justice COLOHAN'S court-room on Fourth, near South Second street. The court-room was surrounded by an excited crowd of young Lishmen, many of whom expressed a particular desire to mete out to the prisoner summary punishment. In going from the court room to the station-house in North Fifth, near Sixth-street, the crowd pressed hard upon the prisoner, and it was with great difficulty the officers succeeded in keeping them back. HURSCH is a shoemaker by trade, and has lived with and worked for his father, up to the present unfortunate occurrence. KENNEDY, the brother of the last-named witness, and who was stabbed in the street, is not seriously injured.

ANOTHER MURDEROUS AFFRAY.—On Tuesday night, another murderous affray occurred in the Eastern District. MICHAEL LYNCH and JOSEPH KIRWIN, residing in a cellar on North Sixth street, while intoxicated, had a fight, when KIRWIN struck LYNCH over the head several times with a club and knocked him senseless to the floor, where he still continued the use of the club, until officers LYONS and SPENCE, of the Fifth Precinct Police interfered. LYNCH'S injuries are not necessarily fatal.

New-Jersey.

INSULTING FEMALES AND BRUTAL ASSAULT.—On Tuesday night, about 11½ o'clock, as Mr. THOMAS TAYLOR, of Hudson City, accompanied by his wife and two young ladies, were in the waiting-room of the Horse-car Railroad Company at Jersey City, a young man named EDWARD DAVIS, as is alleged, while intoxicated, entered the room and grossly insulted the ladies by the use of foul language and indecent proposals to them. Mr. TAYLOR, noticing the condition of DAVIS, shoved him out of the room. The latter immediately returned, however, and commenced a violent attack, and succeeded in striking TAYLOR several blows in the face, as is supposed with a slung-shot or some other instrument, before any one could interfere. As Mr. TAYLOR had received a very bad cut across his left cheek, and was otherwise injured, Dr. QUIROR was called in, and on examination found the lower jaw fractured and a double tooth knocked out. DAVIS was arrested yesterday forenoon, and upon being taken before Justice COWAN, was held in $200 bonds to answer at the January term of Court.

THREATENING LIFE.—A man named FRANCIS RILEY, residing in Hudson City, was arrested yesterday, charged with having, while intoxicated on Christmas Eve, threatened to take the life of PATRICK COGAN with an axe and gun. Upon being taken before Recorder MARTIN, of Hudson City, the accused was held for trial.

Awards of the Seven Per Cent. State Loan.

The bids of the 7 per cent. State Loan of $1,200,000, to supply the deficiency in the Sinking Fund, were opened yesterday at 12 o'clock. There were fourty-four bids in all, of which the following were the successful ones:

E. Whaley, Rochester	$25,000	101.32
E. Whalen, Rochester	25,000	101.80
Nassau Bank, New-York	5 000	101.25
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	101 50
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	101.75
Nassau Bank, New-York	5 000	102.00
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	102.25
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	102.75
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	102.50
Nassau Bank, New-York	5,000	102.75
Gwinne & Day, New-York	5,000	101.00
Gwinne & Day, New-York	10,000	101.41
Gwinne & Day, New-York	10,000	102.43
John Olmstead, Yonkers	5,000	101 30
N. Y. Life Insurance and Trust Co.	200,000	101.15
N. Y. Life Insurance and Trust Co.	200,000	101.20
N. Y. Life Insurance and Trust Co.	200,000	101.25
R. H. King	150,000	101.87
R. H. King	150,000	101.67
R. H. King	100,000	101 38
Commercial Mutual Insurance Co.	20,000	101.15
Howland & Aspinwall, New-York	50,000	101.13
Judson Bank Ogdensburgh	5,000	101.12½
Judson Bank, Ogdensburgh	5 000	101.62½
Total	$1,200,000	

THE EXTRADITION CASE.—On Saturday the Extradition case was again before the Court of Queen's Bench, in Toronto. Mr. FREEMAN, counsel for the prisoner, announced that it had been determined to carry the case to the Court of Error and Appeal. Some discussion followed as to whether an appeal would lie, but Chief Justice ROBINSON finally said that he would interpose no objection to the matter being brought before the Court of Appeal if that tribunal thought it best to consider it, and it was determined that the case should take this course.

—The Hartford (Conn.) *Post* tells a pleasant and romantic story of a young man who came to this country from England 25 years ago, in a fit of desperation caused by the refusal of the parents of the young lady whom he loved to sanction a marriage. He settled down at Cleveland, Ohio, and having accumulated a fortune, was about returning to his fatherland to hunt up his long lost love, when, during a brief stay in Hartford, chancing to call at the house of a friend, he met a lady toward whom he felt an irresistible attraction. What was his astonishment on inquiry at ascertaining that she was the girl he left behind him. Of course, the two were married forthwith, and will now make their trip home in company.

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Mrs. Public.—I wonder what would please Mary the most?

Miss Public (a young lady just seventeen)—Oh, dear me! I wish I knew what "he" would like.

Mr. Public, Jr. (a young man with a moustache)—What in the wide world can I get for my dear—sister (?) that will give her the most pleasure?

As we pity the Public Family very much, we have consulted all the eminent authorities on these subjects. It has been somewhere stated that authorities never agree, but we beg to dissent from this unjust verdict. We found, in this instance at least, they were unanimous, all agreeing that

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